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I SHALL SURVIVE USING POTIONS!

– Potion-danomi de Ikinobimasu! –

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Chapter 27

Potion sales started

Finally, with everyone's help, Kaoru's potion sales has started.

As soon as the potion was released, it's effects were quickly well-known by the people.

The distributor, the "*Abiri Merchant Group*" has branches in a lot of areas. They could even arrange their sales on towns without their connections in them.

Unless the potion would arrive within five days, it would lose its effect. So it's necessary for the potion to be delivered within 5 days, but for towns in Balmoa Kingdom, that isn't a problem.

Also, for people whose towns that weren't included by the *Abiri Merchant Group*, there are several ways they could purchase the potions with, for example, by traveling to Balmoa Kingdom or a town who is affiliated by the Abiri Merchant Group. But for people whose conditions were poor or had the difficulty to move properly. They could send people on horses to travel day and night to buy it and deliver it back to them. If you use the horse to travel non-stop, you could deliver the potion to most places in the continent within 4 days. But this method can only be used by the aristocrats, rich people, officials or even soldiers.

The potion was extremely cheap and even commoners can easily afford to buy it.

In the case of fraud or reselling the potion, anyone who would buy a large amount would be strictly examined.

If it is discovered that he/she would participate or mastermind the fraud or reselling, everyone involved will be held responsible. All their families, relatives, friends, and etc will lose their qualifications to buy the potions. As long as the person himself/herself is alive, he/she would most likely be killed by his/her relatives or friends.

The same rule is applicable with the aristocrats and others with power, except, only the potions will no longer reach their territory for as long as that noble is alive. If it's

like this then that noble would most probably have an accidental death or disease which would claim his life, after then, his son in all likelihood would take over his position.

As a result of this, it goes without saying that the aristocrats, merchants, and commoners wouldn't dare take advantage of the potions.

Disabilities caused by injuries in the past can be easily cured now. Soldiers won't worry about any injuries they would/could receive during their training sessions or missions anymore. Due to this they can improve their skills so much more than before.

The people in the royal city can somehow guess the origin of these potions, but nobody would try to mention it at all. They knew that if they get involved in it, they won't get anything in return. If anything goes wrong, they will be held responsible and will lose everything.

The sick and injured people from Balmoa Kingdom gradually decreased, because of this, production efficiency rose greatly. Not only has the potion made it possible for the sick and injured to work again but there's also the fact that the budget for the necessary personnel required for the medical facilities have decreased.

However, Kaoru strongly warned about this to the King Brother Roland. They must be alert in case something would happen to Kaoru. Just because the potions have helped them a lot, it shouldn't mean that they should forget to train medical personnel, improve the medical technology in their kingdom, and secure budget for emergency cases.

There is a kingdom named "*Gurua Kingdom*" that is slightly east of the Balmoa kingdom, fortunately they could still receive the benefits from the potions because the potions from Balmoa Kingdom can reach the border of both countries on the 6th day in a wagon. But if you use racing horses, you can deliver the potions in 2-3 days. (ED/PF: IMOUTO-SAMA DID YOU MEAN on the 2nd or 3rd DAY IN A WAGON? THEN AFTER THAT THEY COULD DELIVER THE POTIONS FROM THE BORDER USING HORSES in 2-3 DAYS?) (T.N: I mean travel by carriage or wagon will take 6 days total, but 1 people ride racing horse like messenger will reach in 2-3 days)

Brancott Kingdom however, was somewhat far on the west side. Because of this, the transferring of potions by wagon is out of question. But if they use horses, then they could still reach Capital city Aras within 5 days. That's why the Kingdom of Brancott

also managed to receive the benefits from the potions.

Ashid Kingdom from the south that has a friendly relationship with the Balmoa Kingdom because they have a common enemy, the Arigo Empire. And fortunately, their country's landscape which extended long in the east and west are adjacent to Balmoa Kingdom which is why they also receive benefit of the potions.

On the northern side of the Balmoa Kingdom faces the ocean. But in the North-west part there lies a small state, the Rueda Sacred country (T.N: do you think Sacred country is better or Holy country). This country is only 1/8th to 1/10th the sizes of the other countries.

It is a religious state made in the place where the goddess Celestine first descended, and saved the human race a long time ago. That's why although it is just a small country, other countries still pays tribute from time to time.

However, 53 years have passed without the appearance of the goddess, the number of pilgrims from other countries have also decreased, the donations are slowly declining. Besides religion, this country's economic power is only ordinary agriculture and fishing.

As a result, when the rumor about the "Goddess's miracle" was spread, they couldn't help but get worked up.



Even with the pope's request, the Archbishop of Balmoa kingdom is against the summoning of the angel who caused the miracle. "Because that girl isn't a believer of our temple, she won't submit to the summoning order from the temple".

The same goes with the royal palace "Governance and Religion are different things in our country and religious demands can't be met as a state".

While the sacred country Rueda failed to summon Kaoru, the potions began to circulate. According to the surveys from the people, it's obviously different from ordinary medicine since it was so much better but even then, its effects were weaker than the goddess's miracle. There they found out that the potions came from Balmoa Kingdom

The goddess' miracle should be brought to the Sacred country Rueda.
If this keep up, the position of the Scared country will be robbed by Balmoa Kingdom!

The upper echelon of the Sacred country Rueda felt a sense of crisis and began to make various plots

The Peninsula which connects to Brancott, Balmoa, Ashid, and the Rueda sacred country, on the tip of it there was a country called the Arigo Empire that emphasizes in military strength. Arigo Empire connects to the Sacred country Rueda on the northern mountain range side and the Ashid Kingdom on the southern coast side and the Balmoa Kingdom in the middle of it.

But the connected part which should be the border of the three countries is obstructed by the mountains. This makes it so that the routes Arigo Empire passes to reach the Balmoa Kingdom is that they would have to go through the Sacred country Rueda via the northern mountain range or Ashid kingdom via the southern coast. The mountain range has a shorter distance but has many obstacles which makes it so the horses can't cross.

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The Arigo Empire doesn't really develop any industries, and the resources in their country can be obtained in the neighboring three countries as well. Therefore, the three countries didn't really need to trade with the Arigo Empire where transportation isn't good.

But the Arigo Empire had different plans.

In order for their own country to develop, they would have to move towards the base side of the peninsula. But their domestic production can't supply their own country since most of their lands are mountains. They chose to spend a lot of their national budget to strengthen their military strength.

A country with little trade that focuses on strengthening military power. There was no choice other than to wage territorial battles to wars.

And while they planned such things, the potions began circulating in their neighboring country, the Balmoa Kingdom.

To make matters worse, the potions would only be effective within 5 days of creating them. These potions can't reach the Arigo Empire within its deadline for any kind of transportation even when they buy it from the sacred country Rueda or the Ashid kingdom. That's why they can't use it for war nor have any benefits from it.

Here they thought, "if it can't reach our Empire within 5 days, then, why not just create it in the empire! Then we can use it for war as well. Our army is already more overwhelming than the other countries, if we have those potions, we could even take over the continent!

To do that, we must first attack the Balmoa Kingdom and gain the secret of the potions..."

Thus, even in the Arigo Empire, they also began to plot things.

❖ **Balmoa Royal palace**

"Is this the 5th one...?" (King Serge)

"Yes, three from Sacred country and two from the Arigo Empire" (Prime Minister)

The Prime Minister reports to the king. The King's brother Roland also stands beside him to hear the report.

"Contact Kaoru, increase her security to prevent anyone to try soliciting her and to reduce possibilities for them to be able to kidnap her..." (King Serge)

"Fortunately, all the spies that Kaoru talked with are spewing (speaking) everything in a honest manner. Even the spies who have the reporting role are also captured. So their countries shouldn't be able to get any information yet." (Roland)

"Even then, there will be more people from different groups that will try to come in contact with Kaoru even though they can't get any results.

They must know about her already, since she is extremely famous in our kingdom..." (P.M)

During the conversation between the king and the prime minister, the King Brother Roland was worrying about something else.

"I had anticipated that the Arigo Empire was already at its limit and would try to move soon. But to think that even the Sacred country would use force... Aren't they scared of angering the goddess?

In the first place, the Goddess will not fulfill their demands even if they capture Kaoru..." (Roland)

"Maybe they were thinking of Kaoru as just a little girl who can make the potions." (P.M)

“Ah.” (Serge + Roland)

"Anyway, the empire will start their invasion soon.

First of all, will they attack Ashid Kingdom and our country?

Or will they go through the neutral Sacred country Rueda and to attack us?" (Roland)

"But isn't it impermissible for armies to pass through the neutral countries like the Sacred Rueda Country?" (King Serge)

“I wonder... if that Empire is aiming for Kaoru, would they even consider keeping the promise?” (Roland)

“Well...” (Serge)

“In any case, you can only ask the Ashid Kingdom and the Sacred country Rueda to check the movements of the Empire.

Have them contact us if anything happens, dispatch our own spies from our country as well.

And raise the level of alertness so that you can move the soldiers at any time...” (Roland)

“Okay.” (King Serge)

The footsteps of the war were close at hand.

Chapter 28

War

The Potion sales are going smoothly and spread out the continent. However, Kaoru didn't make any profit by selling potions nor she wanted to. But there is still a need for making money.

First of all, Kaoru rented a house with a garden on the outside of the commoner ward. The house is a little old but it's a rather large house. With some repair, it will become a proper house for "Goddess' eyes" children. And then Kaoru arranges work for the children.

There are many job types that could gather information easily like: making a restaurant and let the children serve, or making stalls in the plaza, deliver food...

Food Kaoru made is very famous like Taiyaki, Takoyaki, Udon Noodles etc.

Kaoru ordered iron plates for Takoyaki and molds for Taiyaki from the workshop. Of course, She paid the money properly as a job.

And apart from the sales of potion, Kaoru and children are still secretly doing relief activities "Goddess's tear" which is a perfect cure. Although we can't say it is a secret anymore with almost all people in the capital already knew about it.

People in the Balmoa kingdom, especially the capital are really appreciating and love Kaoru for what she has done. To the point that there are no bad treatment towards Kaoru is allowed even if the treatment should not have made the Goddess angry.

The position of Kaoru in Balmoa Kingdom becomes stable.

Sometimes, a (wild) suspicious person appears, but after drinking some tea from Kaoru, he will honestly speak details all of his plan or accomplice. Not to mention, Kaoru always has royal guards secretly following after to escort, keep watch or pick up her up.

There was no one who dare ask Kaoru involve in military state, much less the religious state etc.

However, the circumstances have been changing dramatically.

❖ Royal palace

“Your Majesty, the Empire has moved!” (Soldier)

“Which direction did the invasion come from? Via the Ashid Kingdom or the Sacred country?” (King Serge)

When he heard the question of the king, the soldier who came to report, answered with a kind of confused voice.

“Well, They are directly invading to our country from the mountain range” (Soldier)

“““What did you say...”““ (Serge + Roland + P.M)

The King Serge and his brother Roland as well as the Prime Minister are all surprised.

Did the imperial army choose the steep mountain range route with infantries? They can't use the carriage, so what would they do about transporting supplies?

“What does the scout say about the imperial army's battle power?” (King Serge)

“About 30,000 persons. And about 10,000 of them seems to be supply personnels, half of them had returned back to the mountain ranges and the remaining 5,000 supply personnels assembled carriage” (Soldier)

“Had they used those 5000 personels to carry the dismantled carriages pass the mountain then came back to reduced food shortage. But that means they have at least 20,000 infantries and 5000 supply carriage personnels...” (King Sege)

An emergency meeting was held soon and the response was decided.

The Balmoa Kingdom extended long in the east and west, Gurua Kingdom is located to the east. The west end where the Arigo Empire start their invasion, is the furthest

from the royal city so Balmoa still have a lot of time. However, the later they reacted, the more damage the invaded villages and towns will get. We can also expect those villages and town will be razed and robbed of everything. They need to supply for their armies after all, to cross those mountain, they shouldn't be able to have enough supply.

However, Balmoa have home advantage. We can easier prepare supply with less personnel because we can use carriage and main road. Moreover, our country army totally are about 40.000 soldiers with 4000 of them are supply personnel. Our army size is two times the opponent's.

But because this happen quite sudden, it will take several days for preparation of supplies and gather all soldiers from all over the country...

"They only have 20.000 infantries with no cavalry... Do they really think that they can win with this?" (Minister A)

One of the ministers muttered so.

"No, maybe they still have the 2nd army or the 3rd army that did not cross the mountain yet. Half of supply personnel has returned back to the other side of mountain after all..." (Minister B)

"Well, they may not aim for the capital right away but occupy the west side as their base. Then they will transport parts of horse-drawn wagon through the mountain and build them there" (Minister C)

"Well, it was good that we are friendly with Brancott and Gurua kingdom. We can move the army to the west without worrying. Because both the Brancott Kingdom and the Ashid Kingdom knows that their country will become next target after our country falls down so they won't betray us" (Minister D)

"Well, I also think we are safe with that..." (Minister E)

The meeting continued even after the basic policy was decided, and the military personnel rushed away to prepare supplies and wagons.

Open war.

There is no declaration of war, but the troops of other countries have invaded across

the border. It can't be called other than war. But even with war break out, it's not like everyone is in despair.

It was well known that the Arigo Empire was putting emphasis on military power but the Empire's resources, which was isolated in the midst of steep mountain ranges, isn't very rich, and their population is a bit smaller compared to other countries.

Besides, if the invasion crosses the mountain range, they can't use horse carriage nor carry large amounts of weapons and goods. Thus their army power can't be fully demonstrated.

Also, there's enough distance to the capital.

So even if Balmoa's army lost and the enemy continue to advance, there's still plenty of room to escape.

Even at the time of battle, you will not be killed unless you are present at the scene.

There are no conquerors that will kill the citizens of the occupied country because of future tax revenues. They are only trying to put the citizen under control. Thus for the commoner, there's no big difference as the above people change.

❖ A few days later

The main troops of Balmoa kingdom that mainly infantries gathered from the Eastern territory started moving out.

After that, the West lord troops will join in succession with advancement.

Will we meet and fight the enemy while moving, or the enemy only occupy the western side while waiting for more reinforcement...?

In this world where information transmission is slow, it was very difficult to know exactly the situation of the enemy.

The army is under command of the general. There is no such thing like the king going to the battle front.

The king has to stay safe in the royal castle. However, when a country is defeated, it will be the King who lose the head instead of the people.

It was a job and it was also a price of the one holding most power on a country.

It has already been 7 days since the army moving to the west.

King Serge has a meeting with his brother Roland and the cabinet ministers.

“The number of days until the report of the enemy invasion arrives, the number of days required to prepare the soldier, and the seventh day after our army moving out.

If the enemy is advancing without stopping, they must be fighting with our army right now...” (King Serge)

“Yes, if their army really advance without horses, their travel speed is still slow. Our forces don’t need to rush and exhaust ourselves. We must fight in the best condition” (Minister A)

One of the ministers answers the King’s muttering.

“Don’t worry, at most a day or two, the messenger will arrive and we will know the situation...” (Minister B)

Considering the number of days required for our country to gather soldier, it was reasonable to think that the enemy is still at a distance of 7 to 8 days from the capital. But there is no way to know if that’s true.

At the meeting, when everyone is waiting for the information, a messenger came running quickly.

“Message! Arigo Empire Army invades from our northwestern border through the Rueda sacred country, the number of soldiers is about 20,000!” (Messenger)

“What did you say !!” (King)

The meeting room became a big fuss.

We did not consider simultaneous invasion from multiple directions.

Therefore, almost all soldiers are left. The Lord Army near the eastern end will not make it in time. All the troops that we can gather in time are only 15,000.

Although we have less soldiers than the enemies coming from the direction of the Holy country. We have advantage of a castle defense side, there's no problem with fewer people than enemies. In order to siege a castle town, they need military force at least exceeding 3 times. If it was only 20.000 versus 15.000 there's no way they can win.

However, that's only the case of "the enemy only attacks the castle town"

What if they only surround the capital and don't attack. A long-term battle with all supply cut off will be difficult. Moreover we can't help the towns or villages nearby if the enemy razing and robbing them.

A further problem was that "The enemy has invaded from the Sacred country's border"

The Sacred country is small and there's only one part in the northwest that the Empire can invade the Holy country. There's no way that 20.000 Empire soldiers can pass through their country without notice. And as a neutral, the Sacred country would have stopped the Empire. But there was no news from the Sacred country at all. That is to say that the Sacred country is on the side with the Empire.

"Even if we contact the main force now, we will not make it in time. And when our armies come back, our armies will be pinched from both side."

Our only hope is the main army will defeat the enemy at the border soon and return.

Until then, we will keep defending in the capital and let the returning main force attack from the back of the enemy" (Minister B)

"But if the main purpose of the enemy in the border is earning time. The enemy army will try retreat or avoid battle and prolong the battle, can we guard until then" (Minister C)

Various opinions come out from the ministers. Every one of them is a favorable opinion, but few options.

Eventually, we decided that only report the situation to the main army, and instruct them to keep fighting at the border. And we somehow will fight 20.000 enemy soldiers with 15.000 soldiers that we can gather in time.

❖ The next day

A messenger from Sacred country Rueda arrived at the royal palace.

It was a luxurious carriage, and the one rode it, claimed to be the cardinal of the temple from Sacred country. He was carrying a letter from the Pope. The Pope wanted to secure the girl can make miracle with the Goddess' love before she gets surrounded by the Empire. They want to protect the girl and escape from the battlefield.

It is a fraud.

Not only the King but everyone knew it well.

From Royalty to the cabinet members want to refuse and send the cardinal back, but the King brother Roland said.

“No, let him meet Kaoru and persuade her directly” (Roland)

Getting Surprised, the cabinet ministers strongly opposed.

Not even the King understand his older brother Roland’s intention.

Roland kept on speaking.

“Maybe you don’t know, but after meeting with Kaoru, he will speak everything in detail, we can learn everything about their plot and situation as well” (Roland)

Recalling the usual way and behavior of Kaoru, the cabinet ministers gradually change from upset to laughter.

And in complete agreement Roland’s plan was approved.

Chapter 29

Anger

The female knight Francette came and informed Kaoru, together they went to Earl Adam mansion.

This time, we won't use Baron Lyotal house.

And then the king's brother Roland tells Kaoru various stories. International situation, chased Empire, war, and plan of Sacred country Rueda.

"Well, is this war because of me?" (Kaoru)

"No, that's not the case" (Roland)

Roland answers Kaoru's questions.

"Actually the Empire starts their invasion plan long ago. Their country geopolitically shaped confine in the tip of the peninsula. Their economy can't even supply their own country. They want to move down and they need to invade other country."

And rumors about Kaoru only start to spread more than a month.

There's no way they can prepare for war in just a month or two.

Originally they were already preparing for invasion before that. Kaoru only added as one more reasons for them to attack our country" (Roland)

After heard Roland's explanation, Kaoru was a little relieved. Well, if the war happen because of her, she can't help but feel disgusted.

And now she got angry at the Sacred country Rueda instead.

"Okay then, we will meet with Rueda's messengers here in the tomorrow afternoon" (Roland)

“I got it. Thank you” (Kaoru)

Kaoru and Ronald both smirk a little. The faces that planned something and understood each other without explanation.

After returning to the workshop, Kaoru turned her brain with full power.

This time it's not just some tricksters, I will kill the enemy with full power. For that reason, I focused my wisdom and thought about the future.

Even to some people I'm a goddess, and for most people I'm the miracle girl that have the goddess's love. But my cheat ability isn't something that can change the situation of the war. Many people will get involved, many soldiers will die.

And I can't blame the enemy soldiers. That is just their job and it's the way they choose to live.

After making dinner for everyone in the workshop and cleaned up. Kaoru kept thinking and finally decided a plan. She went to sleep in preparation for the next day.

❖ The next day, Earl Adam Mansion

In the hall room, there are Earl Adam, Royal King's brother Roland, Female Knight Francette, Kaoru and Rueda sacred country Cardinal. The escorts are standing by outside the house or outside the residence.

“Oh, angel, I am honored to meet you!” (Cardinal)

The Cardinal with name that Kaoru doesn't bother to remember is followed by two bishops and several priests greeted Kaoru with a smile.

A bald head with a long beard, fat belly, he must live in luxury up until now.

And he called Kaoru with “Angel” is the fact that he was lacking information.

“No, I'm not Celes's believer, it is a well-known thing and it also means you don't know anything about me at all” (Kaoru)

With the cold expression of Kaoru, the cardinal is slightly panicking.

“No, no.

The Pope had heard the words of the goddess Celestine. And tell us to come here and get the angel of Goddess!” (Cardinal)

Cardinal seems to want to make Kaoru an angel by all means that doesn't even hesitate to use of the goddess Celestine's name.

“Then... what did the goddess tell the Pope?” (Kaoru)

“Well, I think that the angel already knew, but now the army of the Arigo Empire is approaching the capital of the Balmoa Kingdom.

So before the army of the empire arrives in the kingdom , Goddess wants the Angel to come and visit our Sacred country Rueda which is safe for the angel and protect her at the Great Temple of the Sacred country...” (Cardinal)

Because the lack of response from Kaoru, Cardinal tries his best to persuade her.

“Well, that was the work of the Sacred country, wasn't it?” (Kaoru)

“Huh...?” (Cardinal)

The Cardinal is dumbfound with Kaoru's remark.

“Because, even though the Empire invaded from the northwest of the Sacred country, why didn't you notify any countries in the south-east direction of the Sacred country?

Even your luxuriously, heavy decorated and slow-moving carriage has already arrived, but why wasn't the racing horse carrying message arrived yet?

Weren't you in need of time to prepare for departure after you know about the invasion. And your timing are really too soon. Even our racing horse messenger just arrived yesterday.

And lastly, the Imperial Army's invasion happens too fast. It means that the Sacred

country doesn't resist at all. Why did you let the army pass without resistance and why didn't you contact other countries or ask for reinforcement?" (Kaoru)

"Well, that... that..." (Cardinal)

Cardinal can't find any words to reply back to Kaoru.

"...In other words, the Holy Pope had team up with the Imperial Army, didn't he?" (Kaoru)

"U..." (Cardinal)

Ignoring the silent Cardinal, Kaoru turned towards Roland and said.

"Roland-sama, can you inform all other nations, the Sacred country Rueda had betrayed the goddess Celestine, abandoned their neutral state and sided with the Arigo Empire" (Kaoru)

"Hey, what's up with that. It's blasphemy!" (Cardinal)

"Well, I was "the angel who conveys the word of the goddess", wasn't I ?"

Kaoru said back to the cardinal with a cold voice.

The Cardinal desperately screams.

"If you oppose the Sacred kingdom, you will be excommunicated!

Can the Balmoa Kingdom be excommunicated from goddess Orthodox!" (Cardinal)

Kaoru coldly told the cardinal who yelled.

"The excommunication is towards the sacred country Rueda.

Goddess Celestine already knew that your country is a rotten country that used her name for your own merit. Her patience also has the limit, she won't allow you to use her name anymore" (Kaoru)

Cardinal was shocked.

"Im... Impossible... The Sacred Kingdom is a country where the goddess was miraculously raised and blessed!"

It is the country of those who received that miracle!" (Cardinal)

"Oh, that was a mistake" (Kaoru)

"Huh...?" (Cardinal + 2 Bishops)

With Kaoru's bomb remark, the Sacred country people are dumbfound.

"Celes appeared in your country just because there was distortion in that land.

What she did wasn't blessing but just returned the broken land to the origin. In other words, just returning the minus to zero. It was just a land purification not a land blessing.

Even clergy's ancestors didn't undergo miracles or blessings. Because Celes was just purifying the land. And clergy's ancestors were just people who had been watching Celes's work from afar.

No Thanks to all of you, Celes was complaining to me that it was hard to work and it was annoying" (Kaoru)

"Well, that kind of thing,... impossible, I don't believe it..." (Cardinal)

Leaving the dismal cardinal, Kaoru again ordered Roland.

"Roland-sama, about the plan of the Sacred country, the excommunication from the goddess.

And also the truth about no goddess' blessing in the Sacred country, but only the descendants of those who bothered the goddess.

Would you please let other countries know. And you should let the citizens of the Sacred country know as well!" (Kaoru)

"Understood, I will prepare couriers soon" (Roland)

“Wait, wait, please stop it! If you do such a thing...” (Cardinal)

“You just reap what you sow” (Kaoru)

Kaoru coldly told the Cardinal.

“You use the Empire to invade this country, spread false information and try to take important people away, Is this act can be justified? This act of crime?

Capture them all and we will get the information from them” (Kaoru)

According to Roland ‘s instructions, soldiers waiting outdoors or outside of the residence detained all the messengers from Sacred country Rueda, and took them to King’s Castle.

“I was the one telling you to get the information, even so you are merciless...” (Roland)

“Oh my, I don’t need to have mercy with my enemy, do I?” (Kaoru)

In the words of the King’s brother Roland, Kaoru replied confidently.

And Roland thought from how Kaoru looked.

(Oh, I wonder why this girl looks so cool when acting like a Villainess...)

“Well, I leave the contact with other countries to you. I have something else to do now...” (Kaoru)

“What are you going to do?” (Roland)

Roland asked with a bad feeling.

“I need to go out to say goodbye with everyone for a moment, after that I will go and crush the Imperial Army” (Kaoru)

“Huh.....” (Roland)

Kaoru said “I will go and crush the Imperial Army that crossed the Sacred Country

Rueda alone”

Roland stopped Kaoru but Kaoru didn’t listen, eventually he gave up.

However, Roland asking to attach several escort soldiers to Kaoru, who by all means would go to the imperial army by herself.

There was no choice but to believe in the power of the goddess. It may be necessary to review the Kingdom Defense Plan as well.

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“That’s why I will be going for a moment. In the worst case, please escape with the salary that I have accumulated” (Kaoru)

Kaoru handed over several healing potions to the 7 children that were the current “goddess’s eye”, she explained the situation in a simple way. The potions this time aren’t commercially available product but “the goddess’s tears” and of course with no expiration date.

And when Kaoru tried to return, she was surrounded by children.

“““We will do it”““ (Children)

“No... No, I’m going to fight with the 20,000 Imperial Army soldiers, you may even get killed” (Kaoru)

“““We will do it”““ (Children)

Emil, the leader of the children is firmly talking to the Kaoru.

“At that time, if we haven’t gotten help from goddess, 2 or 3 of us would be already dead. And by this time, maybe another one of us could be dead by starving. And 2 or 3 more of us would die within a few years.

The remaining children also fought against each other for steal territory disputes and would get killed or caught by a guard because of stealing crime.

But right now, all of us are still alive, we live in a house with roofs and walls, no rain and no wind blowing, wearing beautiful clothes, eating delicious meal until full, we have a future. That’s why we must return this gratitude. In addition...” (Emil)

“In addition?” (Kaoru)

Emil fixes his posture with his hand on the chest.

“We are “the eyes of the goddess” who gather information for the goddess and guard the goddess!” (Emil)

The other six children also agree in their hearts.

No-one feels like escaping at all.

Chapter 30

Interception

““Huh...”“ (Kaoru + Roland)

Both Roland and Kaoru gave out a surprised voice.

Roland, surprised because Kaoru brought the 7 children.

Kaoru, surprised because Roland is wearing equipment to go with the soldier as well.

“Why did Kaoru brought children even though we are going to war zone? The youngest child, however you look at her, she is only about 7-8 years old!” (Roland)

“Why is the royal family coming along?” (Kaoru)

Both side accuse each other as out of your mind.

After a while they couldn't change each other's opinion, they decided to leave it as it was.

This party have total of 20 people: 7 children of “Goddess' eyes”, King's brother Roland, Female knight Francette, 8 royal guards and 2 carriage.

Kaoru had said to the children that “you may be killed”, but there weren't such risk after all. Since there's a last resort when they found themselves in a big problem.

When Kaoru asked cheat ability from Celes and she didn't put conditions on her cheat abilities.

(I thought that it would be nice to finish this war without using it, but I had taken all the safety measures in case of emergency.

However, it can't be said so to this “unexpected event”

It's hard to deal with the Royal family who accompanied her as well as other Royal guards. It will be bad if I use "that" when there are royalty and nobility nearby that can see it. Because human desires have no limit.

However, there shouldn't be any problem with these people, I think. These Royal guards and children had sworn absolute loyalty and I don't need to worry about leaking the secret. And this Royal family member is a partner in crime in the first place, for him to know one more secret won't be a problem.) (Kaoru)

All of the royal guards, Roland, Francette were riding on horses, Kaoru and the children were riding on the carriage.

Of course, not a luxurious horse-drawn carriage but a type called "caravan" that is commonly mentioned.

One of two carriage was loaded with food, water , horseshoe fodder, supplies etc.

The carriage that Kaoru riding is also loaded with water, food and everyone kept telling Kaoru in case of emergency, only Kaoru must escape while others are left to retain the enemy. Because other keep insisting, Kaoru say yes to pass it, while she doesn't intend to do so.

Initially, she was going to walk by herself, but right now Kaoru frowns upon the party suddenly becoming a large group.

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The day after leaving the capital, Kaoru's party only passed through on city with big scale. From now on, there are only small village level in this direction. There is no point in making a big town in the direction of the Sacred country which is a small country without a remarkable product.

Kaoru will begin to act soon.

Kaoru's party instructed the villagers in the small village that they were passing through to temporarily evacuate with the minimum amount of personal belongings and all the food.

Since the villagers can return soon, they don't have any extra things, and Kaoru has

the Royal King's brother Roland guarantee to reimburse the villagers the best they can later. And the most important thing, we need to ask information on wells, water fields in the village and take notes. Kaoru counts with the expected date of arrival of the enemy army and the speed of rough advancing, tell villagers firmly what evacuation has to be done and heading for the next village.

There's no citizen who doesn't know the name of the King's Brother Roland and now he accompanies with the infamous name "Angel like Kaoru" , no one opposed. And after Kaoru giving potion to those who couldn't move because they were injured or sick, the speed of the evacuation of the villagers doubled.

❖ Six days after leaving the Kingdom

Kaoru's party arrived at a village located about two days to the enemy troops and ordered evacuation just like before. The only difference is that this time is an immediate evacuation with no time delay.

4 of the 8 royal guards and one caravan are left to help and surveillance the evacuation of the villagers.

The rest of the party are departing on foot.

(T.N: *they have caravan but it can't be use on sneaky mission*)

Since there isn't much time left after this, Kaoru left the villagers evacuation to the 4 royal guards.

And then Kaoru asked Francette to go scouting. Meanwhile, Kaoru prepared everything to intercept the enemy.

During the next day's progression, Francette came back as a scout while dressing like a village girl. Because she was the fastest and strongest among the royal guards while looking like a 15 years old girl, she can easily go and check the position of the enemy.

"The enemies are about 2 hours travel distance from us, but base on the traveling speed of the enemy army, it will be around 6 hours or so..." (Francette)

Yes, it took 2 hours for Francette to come back and she moved at four times faster than the enemy's advancement speed.

“This village isn’t a good place to fight with the enemies...

There’s also a possibility that the enemy’s traveling speed is faster than we expected. So we will go to mountain place that Francette went through a while ago and intercept them there” (Kaoru)

Nodded to Kaoru’s words, everyone went to the mountain.

From the highway, above the cliffs there’s a poor mountain range.

From that place, the 14 people including Kaoru are watching the highway that entered the mountainous part where there were no trails from the highway that can climb to the top of this cliff. Children... as part of living expenses earnings were strong and they followed without difficulty. At least, there was no one who went behind Kaoru. Kaoru was able to safely arrive by drinking recovery potion many times, but her stomach had become stiff.

“It’s almost time...” (Kaoru)

While muttering so, Kaoru moved her gaze to behind her. There were suspicious items arranged there.

A lot of glass spheres as large as a fist. There are two kinds, red and white.

Also, there are a few bottles put on wood branches about 1 meter long attached with something like a net made of vine. This was made by the Royal guards with Kaoru’s instruction “which make the glass sphere flying farther than just throw”

“Here they came” (Francette)

As expected of Francette, not only the physical fitness but also eyes are good. That potion, how far was it effective.

“There’s no turning back already. Please don’t get nervous, just be careful not to get found out by soldiers from the bottom” (Kaoru)

13 people nodding silently with Kaoru’s words.

The enemy army gradually approaches, the army's front passes by just under Kaoru.

Kaoru intended to attack the enemy army. But it wasn't to the first unit.
The Arigo imperial army soldiers passing by one after another.

"Ah..." (Roland)

Roland talks in a small voice.

"What's wrong?" (Kaoru)

Kaoru asks back.

"No, I think that these are a group of commanders, but they looks like a Priest or a Monk there" (Roland)

When Kaoru looks at the direction that Roland points to, there are someone that look like priests but when looking at their clothes, they are mostly likely bishop classes, there are some monk who have weapons and shields wearing simple clothes

"Not only let the Empire army passing though and hiding the information but also direct participation...

This is probably a call on the people of the Sacred country with the name of the Holy Pope and the great temple's influence.

Are they planning to secure Kaoru in the confusion when the Imperial soldier attacking the Capital?" (Roland)

In Roland 's words, the children were expressing their anger.

A considerable amount of time has elapsed since the army's front passing through. The army's supply corps will be on sight soon. On the cliff, everyone was ready in place waiting for Kaoru's signal.

And then Kaoru gave instructions.

"Launch the white balls at the head and tail of the heavy troops!" (Kaoru)

Everyone launched white glass bulbs at the heavy troops both ends using the tools they prepared. A big explosion occurs the landing of white glass bulbs. The heavy troop falling into a havoc. The front soldiers also look for the enemy figure with a fuss, but they wouldn't be able to find Kaoru's party immediately that were on a cliff.

“Red balls, continuous barrage!” (Kaoru)

Next, the red sphere that was launched, spread fire as it lands.

Not only launched by the tool but also the hand throwing are used together and the red glass bulbs thrown one after the other, the wagons are wrapped in flames one after another. As long as the soldiers on foot, it's difficult for a horse carriage to break through out of the way and they also couldn't move when they were blocked by holes and flames due to the explosion.

The projected white ball was packed with “Something like Nitro Glycerin” which reduced the detonation sensitivity for safety. Red balls are used for grease incendiary bullets,

The napalm which was the main combustion material was filled with a jelly-like product by adding a thickener called a napalm agent. It was designed to ignite spontaneously when exposed to air. The fire will not disappear even when water is applied.

After attacking the middle corps for a while, Kaoru gave out another instruction.

“Start launching white balls and red balls to the Battle troops at back, too!” (Kaoru)

The Imperial Army finally noticed that it was an attack from the cliff, but everyone falls to the back immediately after receiving glass bulb barrage attack, they retaliate using bows and arrows and there's no trail to climb this part of the cliff. It was one-side attack from Kaoru's party.

At the beginning we were only attacking the supply corps but gradually the center of attack began to shift to the back of the main troops, enemy soldiers are in a panic.

The soldiers who receive attacks started moving forward at full speed while yelling at the front soldiers to quickly move so they can get out of the attack area. Front soldiers also notice the backward situation and start running at full power as well. But It isn't

that fast because of their heavy equipment, the whole army desperately tried to get out of this dangerous mountain as soon as possible.

After a while they finally passed through the mountain and moved to the safe area, the Imperial Army finally noticed while watching the surroundings.

...supply corps hasn't arrived.

The soldiers turned back to see the situation, there were the remnants of a burned-out horse-drawn carriage and a blown-out cart and the survivors who were stunned.

The majority of food, water, manger, arrow, spare armor, camping equipment, and various other necessary items were lost.

At that time, Kaoru's party already moved ahead avoiding the Imperial Army using the poor mountain path. They came back the village. They are faster than the movement speed of a heavily equipped soldier although there are a lot of girls in this party. Besides they will need to gather the remaining supplies, having countermeasures meeting, etc.,

So the Imperial Army shouldn't move anytime soon today. We have all day long to prepare. Kaoru judged so.

Prepare yourself, I will give you all an invitation to hell.

Chapter 31

Well

When Kaoru's party went back to the village, the evacuation of the villagers had already been completed and they were greeted by four Royal Guards. Fortunately, it seems that the enemy's soldiers and the scouts didn't come.

"Now, we will prepare for the move immediately, first prepare the water, after that, all wells will be prohibited" (Kaoru)

Kaoru's party entered each house in the village and began to check whether water and food were left. The water that remained in the bottle and pot was either thrown away or mixed in a suspicious medicine. There's rarely any food left, but Kaoru makes sure to spill suspicious medicine on it.

After confirming the water and food left in every house, Kaoru went to the field and check various item in the item box.

After confirming that everyone 's water supply Kaoru spilled the suspicious medicine in all the wells.

"Okay, let's go!" (Kaoru)

Kaoru's party returned to the route which they came from, and did the same thing also in the next village which already finished evacuation.

Even carrying the water, food, manger and other loads, the carriage with 8 children including Kaoru can move at a speed far exceeding the infantry's marching speed.

There was no need to worry about the Imperial Army catching up.

And Kaoru asked one of the Royal Guards directly ride horse to the Capital with a report saying "Strategy is going well, everything is just according to the plan"



The commander of the Northern Invasion Imperial Army was stunned to hear the report.

“The supply corps are almost destroyed...!?” (Commander)

“Yes, we tried to gather scattered things, burned things, etc, but almost all of the spare weapons, camping equipment etc is lost, the water is only two days worth, the food is about one day left...” (Captain A)

“Weapons for siege as well!” (Captain B)

“...” (Commander)

They have to attack the outer wall of the castle in the capital city and then take the castle. And they need to do that before Balmoa’s main force that’s dealing with the Western invasion forces returned.

Even if the Balmoa Kingdom had sent most of their troops to the west, without the various tools for siege castle such as ladder, hooked rope, ruin hammer etc., it is hard to fight against opponents who defend inside the castle. Which means their only choice is surround the Capital until Balmoa surrender.

And now they barely have any food, water left for themselves let alone doing something like that. And of course that strategy is based on the assumption that the remaining troops in the capital is less than 10,000.

“Are there any town ahead ?” (Commander)

“There are 6 villages and lastly one medium-sized town that’s near the Capital at the end” (Captain)

“Well, first of all, send message to Holy Country Rueda asking for food and other necessary supplies.

We will try to get whatever we can in the villages on the way to the capital, stock of food, field crops, livestock, everything.

For the time being, just keep in mind that there is no distribution of food until we arrive at the village. we have to distribute the water to one – third, if it is a day or so we can endure it" (Commander)

There is no option to withdraw from the beginning. This is the invasion plan that imposed the fate of the Empire, and in the west the friendly troops literally risk their lives to attract the main force of the kingdom army. They couldn't come back because they lost water and food, so they have no other choice but press on.

The Northern Invasion Imperial Army aimed for the Capital Gurua of Balmoa Kingdom and began advancing again.

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"What did you say...!?" (Commander)

On the next day, the empire troops finally arrived at the village while suffering from thirst of an intolerable throat, regardless of hunger stomachache.

There are direct reports to the commander who arrived at the village a little behind the first unit said "When the soldiers of the leading unit arrived at the village and drank the well water, they got violent vomiting and diarrhea and now they can't move anymore" ; "There were also same symptoms for those who drank bottled water that was left in the house or eat foods that they found"

"Damn, do they throw poisons into the wells! How are those in the village doing?" (Commander)

"About that, there are no villagers remaining" (Captain)

"Did they evacuate... Find the hidden food and also the field crops!" (Commander)

The ordered soldiers took their men and scattered around the village.

[Poisoning wells, that was crazy. Even if you repel the enemy, you still can't use the well again unless you purify all the water over and over again. And if you do something bad, you will have an impact on other wells through the veins as well. It was an act that I could not think that the villagers would agree to]

After a while, a soldier who came back to report that there were no food hidden nor any crops in the field.

"We won't get anything even if we stay here, without the water or food. Immediately resumes the advance and heads to the next village!" (Commander)

Even the commander ordered so but he can't wish the same thing won't happen in the next village.

Even they request supply from the sacred country Rueda, they don't know when the supplies will arrive or the amount can help with the army this size. The preparation of goods and wagons, the number of days taken for transportation, and so on.

However, if they manage to reach the town before the capital.

Unlike a small village, you will not be able to evacuate all residents and completely abandon them. There is no place to accommodate such a number of people and there are also those who insist on staying without following the instructions of the military, elderly people and sick people who can't move. They also can't carry all the food away or throw poison into the wells in the town.

Since the Balmoa army is defending in the capital city, they can occupy the town and get supplies from the town or the surrounding villages, while waiting for supplies from the Sacred country. Even if supplies don't arrive after waiting to a certain extent, they will surround the Capital as it is. While they can still take supplies from surrounding, Balmoa army that defending in the capital won't get any supplies. If with Balmoa capital city that hold many people in it, their supplies will run out quickly.

Even if the main force of Balmoa Kingdom comes back, the Empire Armies can pinch them with Western invasion Imperial army.

Commander of the Northern Invasion Army, although fully aware that it is a wishful observation, bet on that possibility. Besides, there were no options.

The imperial army now only hope to secure a well before Balmoa putting poison into it, the commander order all cavalry units available to go on ahead while the whole army will follow after.

And in the next village (2nd Village) that they arrived, all the well water was polluted,

there were no foods nor crops. The Empire army reduced the amount of water and food to one quarter and headed to the next village. (3rd Village)

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After done with everything on 4th village, Kaoru's party are heading to the next village. The party will arrive in the 5th village anytime soon.

"Will it work...?" (Kaoru)

"In the march, the shortage of water will not be tolerable" (Roland)

Roland responds to the Kaoru's muttering.

"With Large army like this if you can't supply enough water, the soldiers will have fatigue and poor physical condition, those who will fall down will be out. And worse they won't even have enough foods" (Roland)

"I guess..." (Kaoru)

Even the Empire soldier know the water is poison, when they can't resist thirst, they will drink it as well.

It actually wasn't poison but "Vomiting and Diarrhea" medicine.

If they drink that water, they will temporarily satisfy their thirst. However, with vomiting and Diarrhea, they will lose more water than the amount they drink. So rather than recovering, their physical condition will continue to deteriorate. And with that body they can't even stand firm let alone march with heavy equipment.

They will be either left unattended or had other soldiers pull or carry them. For military, injuries and sick people are much more troublesome than war dead.

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When Kaoru's party reach the 5th village, Kaoru spotted a boy around 10 years old walking down the street.

Kaoru had a bad feeling, stopped the caravan and spoke to the boy.

“What’s wrong, didn’t you evacuate with everyone?” (Kaoru)

The boy talked to Kaoru that descended from the carriage with a desperate look.

“Angel, this is serious! The hidden well will be in the hands of the enemy...” (Boy)

Even surprised, Kaoru still calmly asked everything in detail.

It seems that there was a hidden well in the 4th village, which we passed through earlier this morning.

This hidden well is coming from a separated water vein.

Even if other wells dry up due to drought, this well still have enough water. This well was kept secret from the country and other villages, in preparation for drought occurring once every several decades. The villagers never taught the well location to Kaoru’s party. Some villagers may have been afraid that Kaoru will do something to the important well. Also, they think that well wouldn’t be found by the Imperial Army. But the boy had heard. What the 3 villagers are talking about.

They plan to secretly return to the village, sell the information of the hidden well to the Imperial Army, gain a large reward. And after the Imperial army move away, steal the property hidden deep in the forest by all the villagers, pile all of it on the cart and run away to Sacred country.

After that, those men had gone in a hurry, maybe they went to meet the Imperial Army.

Then the boy was secretly leaving the group of villagers and turning back the highway. To inform Kaoru about this.

“Why did you bother go through all the trouble to tell me, without going with everyone?” (Kaoru)

The boy replied Kaoru.

“Ginie was cured with goddess’s medicine” (Boy)

I don’t know if Genie is one of his family member or a friend. However, he had the eyes

that Kaoru had seen over and over. Kaoru knew that she can trust this boy. Besides, time is important right now.

“Can you guide me?” (Kaoru)

“Yes!” (Boy)

In case of something happening to Kaoru’s party, she gave out the necessary medicines for the wells in the remaining two villages to the four Royal Guards that evacuate villagers.

And then Kaoru’s party went back to the 4th village.

We should have been ahead of the Imperial Army about 2 days. Even if we went back from here to the 4th village, they shouldn’t be able to catch up yet.

Since we were already done with the 4th village, we only need to put the medicine in the hidden well, we can do it easy because there is a guide.

However, like the commander of the enemy army, it was also only “wishful observation”

Chapter 32

Hell 1-chome

We arrived at the 4th village.

With the boy, Tapani's guide, Kaoru's party headed to the hut at the end of the village.

The villager built a hut on the outside of the well, the villagers seemed they wanted to camouflage this place as just a storehouse.

"That hut" (Boy)

When Kaoru got out of the caravan and tried to approach the cabin which Tappani pointed to, there were about 20 Empire cavalries approaching from the center of the village.

"Damn, the Cavalry Squadron of the Empire!" (Roland)

Roland unsheathes the sword on horseback, the female knight Francette and five Royal guards also unsheathe their sword.

Although the number of enemy soldiers was three times of ours, we have Roland who is master in sword and Elite Royal guards. Not to mention Francette who trained all her life until now to become a royal knight, and right now her abilities even got boosted many times with Kaoru's potion.

On the enemy side, the Empire cavalries were weakened due to a few days of food and water shortage, and even their horses were also getting tired.

Looking at the situation, Kaoru thinks that it's going to be okay and heads for the hut. 7 children add one more boy Tapani makes it a total of 8 children also follow after.

In front of the hut, 4 children stopped and kept guard the entrance of the hut. Although they look like empty-handed, each child is holding a knife in his bosom. Since it's impossible for a child to swing the sword properly anyway.

Kaoru took out a medicine bottle from the item box and grasped it on her left hand. It was troublesome to decide the effect of medicine many times, so Kaoru created a lot of it and kept it in the item box instead of creating it every time.

Then, Kaoru opened the door with her right hand and went into a dark hut with four children... There were three Imperial soldiers standing there.

Imperial main army seemed haven't reached this village yet. These soldiers must be a scout team.

"Who are you ?" (Soldier)

One of the Imperial soldiers who were drinking water yells to Kaoru and the children.

Kaoru and the children remain silent because they can't honestly answer that question of the enemy soldiers.

But then one of the soldiers noticed the bottle that Kaoru hold.

"Huh, what is that thing you are holding?" (Soldier)

Kaoru thinks this is bad but it's already too late to hide the bottle now.

"No way, you plan to poison this well too" (Soldier)

The 3 soldiers stand up and block the way to the well.

What should I do, Kaoru hesitated.

If I use explosion, we will draw the attention of the outside soldiers. Even if Roland and others are strong, it's still difficult to prevent dozens of imperial soldiers from heading to the hut because of the different number of people.

Then should I use sulfuric acid or hydro chloric acid?

But isn't it the same if these soldiers scream? What should I do to rob their fighting power in a moment...

It wasn't so difficult to beat enemy. But Kaoru was busy thinking for a few seconds that make the children thinking Kaoru is in trouble.

And the kids decided to help with Kaoru's trouble.

"...Huh?" (Kaoru)

The youngest child that is 8 years old girl, Bell pulled the medicine bottle from Kaoru's hand and rushed out to the soldiers.

Meanwhile Emil held Kaoru's hand to stop her chasing after Bell.

"It's okay, let Bell do it" (Emil)

Kaoru didn't understand what Emil was trying to say.

Bell holds the medicine bottle in front of her chest and running to toward the well.

The soldiers grin as they watch Bell running. It's easy to catch such young girl that run toward them. In order to spray the poison on the well, that kid needs to go straight to them and open the lid of the bottle and put the medicine in the well. Even if she tries to throw it as it is, there are three adults blocking like a walls, they can easily stop the bottle throw by a little girl.

Thus the soldiers were standing in front of the well with a comfortable look.

Bell was running toward the the soldier in the middle, and just when she came in his reach, she turn to the left side and a second later she moved to the right. Three soldiers tried to followed her all the way and clash with each others. They expected the most she can do is change the direction only one time.

This is a technique that make use of a small body to break through the surroundings of adults trying to capture the vagrant that often steal things.

Bell kept both arms in front of her chest to hold the bottle, lowered her posture and kept the possibility of being caught to a minimum as she tried to run pass the soldiers. She did not open the lid of the bottle, didn't swing up the arm and didn't slow down her speed. But even when she passed through the soldiers, she still kept running with that speed and rushed straight into the well.

“What...” (Kaoru)

Emil said to Kaoru who was staggering.

“I already said, Bell will do it” (Emil)

When Kaoru was looking at Emil, he had an unbelievable face, there was no facial expression on that face.

“Why! Why did you let her do that!” (Kaoru)

Emily answered graciously to Kaoru.

“On that day, Bell was already dead. But you had saved her life.

After that, she was able to live the happiest days in her life.

She was really graceful to you, enough for her to devote her life...

And Bell was also a member of “the eyes of the goddess” !” (Emil)

“Don’t toy with me!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru raises her right hand to slap Emil. But reflect in her eyes. There was tear sticked to Emil’s cheek.

Kaoru let down her raised arm gently.

“You idiot...” (Kaoru)

The soldiers of the Empire who were stunned for a while finally stand up again.

“Brats, what did you do...” (Soldier A)

“There is only one safe well..., the hope of our army...” (Soldier B)

The three Imperial soldiers are in despair with their failure to secure the well for the future of their own army from the kids before them, pulled out the sword. Kill all the children. Their eyes said so.

However, it wasn't only Imperial soldiers who were furious.

"...Die" (Kaoru)

Together with Kaoru's cold word, the soldiers hold down their chest and belly.

One soldier can't breathe because of hydrogen peroxide water packed plenty in his lungs and drown on land.

One soldier is melted from the inside of his body by dilute sulfuric acid in the stomach.

And the last one, his body stopped moving, even his heart gradually stopped its movement.

After suffering for a while, the three soldiers were out of breath.

"Not yet, it's only the first stage" (Kaoru)

Kaoru muttered so. Emil don't know the Japanese phrase so he doesn't understand what it means.

Suddenly Kaoru noticed that Emil rushed to the well and was about to jump in.

Kaoru stopped him and yelled

"What are you doing?" (Kaoru)

"Bell may still be alive and I have to help her!" (Emil)

"There is no need for that" (Kaoru)

"Huh...!?" (Emil)

Emil is amazed at Kaoru's words.

Then, Kaoru held out her left hand, and the next moment, a girl appeared from there.

"Eh? This is... I..." (Bell)

““BELL !!”” (Emil + other children)

Kaoru didn't bother to add meaningless restrictions when deciding the specification of the item box.

Because time is stopped inside, there's no problem to put living things inside as well.

Since everything will be stored directly in subspace, there's no need for Kaoru to directly touch to store things.

About what happened before, as soon as Bell jumped into a well, Kaoru had stored Bell in the item box.

There was a possibility of her getting hurt when she fell, and because she jumped in with head first, she might die if things went wrong.

There was no sound at that time, why didn't anyone wonder about it?

Since the medicine bottle was also stored together with Bell, Kaoru must take it out again to spray in the well. But before that.

“Listen well, all of you

If you have dedicated your life to me. Then I won't allow you to die without my permission.

Got it?” (Kaoru)

While embracing Bell and shedding tears, Emil was nodding to Kaoru together with other children.

Even if he isn't a member of “goddess' eyes”, the boy in this village had seen the miracle for the first time. Tapani opened his mouth and was looking at it with a stunned face.

After pouring the medicine to the well, Kaoru and the children left the hut, it was just when the battle ended.

There were about 4-5 Imperial Cavalries who ran away desperately.

There's no need to chase them because we don't need to keep secret of what happened here.

Now, there aren't any wells that can be used in this village anymore. The enemies won't be able to do anything.

There were also injured people on our side as well. One of the Royal Guard is slightly injured, and two more Royal Guards were with considerably deep scratches.

Because it was a battle between cavalries, there was no time to stab the sword to the one who was wounded and fallen from the horse. those who lost their fighting ability often were left untouched and they need to immediately fight with other cavalry. We was fortunate that there's no death on our allies.

And of course, Kaoru instantly cured all of them with potion.

The miracle that the Royal Guards saw for the first time surprised them.

Although they may have seen the effect of a commercially available one, the thing Kaoru used this time is a genuine Goddess's tear.

As for the Imperial cavalries, most of them heavily injured and there were also dead, but many of them were still alive.

Kaoru was wondering whether to kill them or not, but in the end she decided to cure them to the extent that they don't die, to prevent them from resisting when we take them back.

We were able to transfer consumable goods away and have free space in the carriage for the prisoners, except for those who ran away and the dead, the captives are about 10 people.

As a precaution, Kaoru's party reconfirmed the inside of the village lightly, and found 3 dead bodies that seemed to be villagers. Tapani confirmed that they are the said villager traitors.

Even if the villagers told the Imperial Soldiers the location of the hidden well, there's still no reason for Imperial soldiers to pay the villagers of the enemy country anything.

And the said soldiers are the one who start invading our country in the first place.

It was a very poor idea of the farmers.

Well, at least the property of other villagers are still safe.

Because all the Imperial soldiers this time were cavalry squads, we can secure the horses from the dead and captured riders

Fortunately there were no dead horses, and Kaoru cured all injuries by potion.

Kaoru insisted on ownership of these horses. Horses, especially military trained horses, can sell with good values. For Kaoru, the horses were worth far more than the prisoners of war.

Then Kaoru's party took along the horses and the prisoners, went to the returning road again. They joined with the 2 Royal guards who came back after they completely put medicine to the well in 5th Village.

And, just in case, the group returned to the Capital while confirming the wells of the remaining two villages.

Chapter 33

Hell 2-chome

Six days passed since Arigo Empire's army lost a great deal of supplies.

And in all 6 villages that they had been passing through, all the wells were polluted by poisons and there weren't any food left either.

[When I issued a cavalry squad unit going ahead to secure wells and foods, I was amazed at the news that the 4th village secured a well that was not poisoned.

But right after that, I was surprised with the report from the remaining soldiers that ran away after fighting with 7 Balmoa knights.

I wished on the possibility that Balmoa Kingdom's knights are irrelevant to those who spray poisons and the possibility that they don't know the existence of that hidden well, but when I arrived at the village, the well was already contaminated.

Since there were corpses of our soldiers in a hut of the hidden well, they probably knew the existence of the hidden well from the beginning.

It seems that they were a unit that came back after noticing there was one hidden well left.

The fact that more than 20 of our calvaries were defeated by 7 enemy knights is shameful for soldiers of military country like us.

However, from our remaining cavalries's testimony, one of enemy soldiers was called as "Roland-sama"

That means he must be "The Royal King's Brother, Roland"

Also, he was accompanied by a mysterious girl with an extraordinary strength "Demonic Fran" from the rumor, she was an elite Knight, and recently had become private escort for Royal King's brother.

It's not surprising about this outcome, however this result will affect our moral. Normally, we will punish or dispose those who fled back without serious injuries, rather than keep fighting after returning to our homeland.

Well, only if we can return to our homeland. But right now, during this expedition, they will work normally. There is no need to reduce our strength]

The food distribution that was reduced to a quarter has already been exhausted two days ago, and the water that was reduced to one quarter will be exhausted today.

The cavalries are descending from the horses and walking in order to reduce the burden to the horses that didn't have enough water, but the horses still start falling down.

The collapsed horse rider, while crying, cut the artery of the horse, given the drawn blood to the weak soldier, to drink and distribute raw meat to everyone.

For cavalry, it is the same as eat and drink their battle comrade's flesh and blood.

Those who were given the blood and meat also endured the tears and greedily consume their blood share.

They must endure shedding tear. When they shed tears, they will waste a lot of water.

Also, when they eat meat, they will need more moisture for its decomposition and absorption, so they will be even more thirsty. When eating there will be saliva but it's only temporary relaxation. Saliva is water in their own dehydrated body after all.

Those who drank poisoned water left behind in the highway. At first some soldiers tried to carry them along, but then those soldiers were discharged more water outside the body than the drinking water, and a lot of water was necessary to live.

Also, as they carried another soldiers, they couldn't keep up with the march by themselves.

In the end, they had no choice but to put the sick soldiers on the horse-drawn carriage, but the horses that only drank a little water, also didn't have enough physical strength to carry extra things.

Those who drank water in the first village were unavoidable because they didn't know, but those who had become water testing for next villages had their hearts break.

In addition, some soldiers couldn't tolerate the thirst and there were quite a few people who drank well water sneakily in the village.

Certainly, while drinking, they could satisfy their thirst, it was a blissful taste. Until about 30 minutes later...

And finally, those who didn't drink poisoned water also began to collapse.

Dehydration, and heat stroke.

Even you can easily cure them if you give them enough water, salt (fluids and minerals) and let them rest in a cool place, but this army have neither water nor salt. There is no place to rest and no carriage to carry.

They just lay down next to the highway.

And the voice of the fallen soldiers can be heard from both sides of the highway.

“Please take me with you”

“Please don't leave me”

“I do not want to die in such a place”

“I will live and come home... My newborn daughter is waiting...”

Soldiers stretch their faces and fix their line of sight forward, not to look at both sides.

“Do not look”

“Do not listen”

“Do not cry. Because moisture is important. or our friend's life is wasted”

It was hell.

It will be better if you fight and killed in battle.

However, without fighting, those soldiers were suffering and collapsed at the roadside of a foreign country.

No soldiers want such a thing!

Will other soldiers go back here to help after this?

Even then, can the fallen soldiers live until then?

In the first place, can the soldiers that are still standing, live and return home?

The facial expression of the accompanying Sacred Country's priests were also stiff.

Can they preach to those who lie by the side of the highway about the existence of Goddess's love?

...If there was anything. It was devil and hell. And the one brought the soldiers here is devil, the place here is hell. That was enough saying.

❖ One more day

[Our Armies will arrive at the town tomorrow.

We can get plenty of water, food and place for troops to rest.

If we can do that, the army of the refined Arigo empire will be resurrected, not just a flock of dreadfuls like now.

We just need to enter the unprotected town and occupy it]

❖ And the next day

Delayed considerably behind their schedule, Arigo Empire northern invasion army finally reached the town or rather small city Nicosia which is one day away from

Capital of the Balmoa Kingdom.

And the Armies went through the last hill, when the front units finally had the town in sight.

Suddenly, the front units stopped.

The other units behind can't suddenly stop, the rear unit crashes and knocks down the formation.

With the front units which should be full of desire to get food and water from the town stopped, the Commander rode the horse forward with anger. This is a valuable horse that had enough water for commander use.

And the Commander who went to the position of the front units froze as he saw the same scene.

In the front of Nicosia town, there were Balmoa Capital's defense force that is about 12,200 soldiers.

It was the whole army that gather from all over the country excluding 3 thousand left in the Capital and 40.000 in the border.

“Impossible” (Commander)

The Commander and the high staff members collapsed on site.

“Didn't they defend in the capital?” (High rank staff)

“Although they are only more than half the strength of our army.

Balmoa Kingdom armies are thoroughly prepared when our armies can barely walk. We can hardly make simple formation let alone properly fight in battle...” (Commander)

Battle doesn't mean that all soldiers enter the battle all at once.

In reality, battle only occurs at the contact part with the enemy in front of each army, and the tired, wounded soldiers will be replaced with soldiers from the back.

In other words, the number of soldiers who actually fight at a certain moment doesn't change very much.

If that is the case, the weaker one will be knocked down. It is like a winning battle of Kendo. One strong fighter can knock down 5 of their opponents one after another.

...There's no chance to win.

[Even if we try to withdraw, there's no power left for us to march.

And there are only the wells contaminated with poison on the way back. Also, with this brutal march, we will quickly get caught up and attacked from behind.

Even if we recklessly fought this battle, I will merely lose 20,000 precious soldiers of the empire in vain.

A valuable 20.000 troops out of the 80.000 Arigo empire troops...

In that case, we should surrender and still have chance to return home after the end of the war...

But it isn't decided that the empire has already lost this war.

The responsibility for surrender is for the commander to take and I am willing to do it.

Compared to the life of 20,000 soldiers, my life is cheap.

It's impossible to execute all the prisoners of war and it would be a big burden just to feed 20,000 prisoners of war.

Whichever country's victory, it won't be long for our soldiers to return to our country...] (Commander's inner thought)

"We will surrender, prepare the messenger immediately!" (Commander)

High rank staff and soldiers looked puzzled, but they never opposed.

“Hurry! Maybe we can ask help for those who we left (4 dead:puns intended) on the highway, time is important!” (Commander)

The staff rushed out in a hurry.

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“Did it end?” (Kaoru)

“It seems like that...” (Roland)

Stand a little behind the deploying Balmoa Kingdom Defense Force, Roland answers Kaoru’s muttering.

Villagers are likely to return to their villages earlier than they thought.

The medicine that put in wells will become ineffective after ten days even without doing anything.

It’s to prevent the wells to become unusable for a long time.

And of course, even if we don’t wait for 10 days, we can use it immediately after mixed a new medicine from Kaoru.

However, food and water bottle that are left in each house of villages as a trap are advised not to use unless you mixed the new medicine or wait after 10 days.

Well, even if you drink it, you only suffer from diarrhea for a few days, and you can cure with drink more water and minerals.

“But, this is disappointment...” (Fran)

“Well, was it better if we fight 20.000 of soldiers until thousands of soldiers from both side get killed and surrender?

Do you insist to have a fight like that?” (Kaoru)

“Well, but it’s still...” (Fran)

It seemed that it was a little difficult to convince Francette who is always aiming to be a knight at all times.

But if she was asked if she wanted to kill many Empire soldiers and get many Balmoa Kingdom's soldiers get killed as well for self-satisfaction, she had to deny it.

“You will go back to the Capital like this” (Kaoru)

Kaoru said to Emil and 7 children. The village boy, Tapani also blended in perfectly.

“Must we return when Kaoru isn’t?” (Emil)

Emil can't easily accept.

“That’s right, because you can’t do anything this time” (Kaoru)

“Why? At least we can be as much as a shield!” (Emil)

“That’s why, it isn’t good!

You may be get cut or stab in heart. And when you do, not even I can do anything to help.

But when I am alone, I can do anything” (Kaoru)

“But we were knowing it from the start and we are willing to do it” (Emil)

“...Well... you guys are still weak” (Kaoru)

After a bit of hesitation, Kaoru said it firmly.

Emil standing silent.

“Don’t get me wrong, it’s just “you guys are still weak”

It can’t be help because you are still children, and Francette is a special case” (Kaoru)

The female knight Francette suddenly heard her name mentioned and was flustered.

“Besides, I am not saying that you are useless.

You are doing your work great.

And now I want you to help me with what you are doing great” (Kaoru)

As a result of persuasion, “The goddess’s eyes plus” plus one child are convinced.

This group is already 8 people, is it okay?

That’s why the children will return to the Capital with a carriage.

In the Capital, they will gather information about the behavior the aristocrats and influential people, people who are connected to other countries.

Of course, you should really understand, but it will be quite difficult. Anyway, it was enough to be the reason why the children agree to return to the kingdom.

“...so what are you going to do this time?” (Roland)

After the children went away, Roland asked Kaoru with a shabby face.

“Oh, I think I will go to the battlefield in the west” (Kaoru)

““Eehhh!”” (Francette + Roland)

“No, I won’t permit that, It’s too dangerous!” (Roland)

Roland shouts out.

But it was ineffective with Kaoru.

“I don’t need Roland-san’s permission.

I’m just a commoner girl from another country that traveled and stayed in Balmoa Kingdom until now.

And right now I’m just having a journey to the west” (Kaoru)

“No, no...” (Roland)

It was Roland who changed his complexion, but soon he calmed down and smiled.

“So, how do you go to the west? There are no merchants going to the west because of the war. There will be no carriage.

Can you walk there without a carriage, and how many days will it take with Kaoru’s legs...?

I will not lend a carriage or any soldiers from the royal palace” (Roland)

Knowing Kaoru can’t ride a horse, Roland thought this would be able to stop Kaoru. But...

“...Oh, is that so. I will go by myself then” (Kaoru)

“Huh?” (Roland)

Kaoru walking away from the dumbfounded Roland.

She is heading to where she kept the horses that she captured in the 4th village.

“Hey, you guys. Who can take me on a long journey?” (Kaoru)

There are 18 horses.

(T.N: there were total 20+3 horses – 5 cavalries ran away)

“Oh, young miss, are you a new kind of horse?” (Horse A)

A brown hair horse with a shaken voice answers.

“No, I’m just an average human who has a connection with Goddess...”

“““If you have connection to the goddess, you aren’t average at all!”““ (Horses)

For some reason, I got Tsukkomi by the horses. No they are horses, should I call it “Tsukkoma” instead. (T.N: Tsukkomi + Uma/horse)

“Well, leave that topic alone.

If you go with me on a journey, I'll cure all your injuries, diseases, and prepare delicious food.

After the trip is over, I will buy a nice female horse from the horse store or pasture. I'll put you together as my possession” (Kaoru)

““““Pick me! Young lady”“““ (Horses)

“Pick me! Youngster, just give it up to the elder!” (Elder horse)

The horses got a big fuss.

“Uhm, about that, Kaoru-san, You are saying something to the horses, but what is happening...?” (Francette)

“Oh, It's a fight to decide who will take me...” (Kaoru)

““““Eeeeeeee !!”“““ (Fracette + Roland + 4 Royal Guard)



Chapter 34

Journey to the west

After deciding on a horse, I left to the west immediately.

I have the item box for such a thing. In preparation for a sudden escape, I have stored food, water, blanket, tent, weapon, armor, cooking utensil, a water tank on a manger,... beforehand.

Roland, Francette and 4 Royal guards were desperately following after Kaoru. What about food and other things... what about the other 4 Royal Guards left behind? they don't have time to prepare for all that.

As a result of the horse fight, the horse that Kaoru chose is a 6 years old white hair horse with black eyes. Converting to human's age, he must be about 22-29 years old?

There are various opinions on human age conversion to a horse age, but I do not know it well.

I avoided choosing too young one that didn't have any experience and too old that in regression. Also, with a healthy and bright personality.

He was also seemed to be loyal because this horse that had been seriously injured by sword in the 4th village and was saved by Kaoru.

Although white horse has its drawback of being conspicuous, but this time it was convenient as I need to "stand out"

Because there were 18 of horse, I changed the part "A nice female horse" to "your favorite horse"

And the most suitable horse in selection criteria by chance was this one.

And Francette adjusted the reins and other needed things.

It's said to be tough to ride a race horse. But, as Kaoru don't need to control the horse using the harness. the horse will move as Kaoru's instruction by the conversation, so the harness is only "a thing that help Kaoru doesn't fall"

Without children, Kaoru don't need to pay attention to Roland who are following after her. She also doesn't need to worry about luggage. That's why Kaoru can run fast with the War horse that carry her alone.

For that, Kaoru's most important task is to make sure she doesn't fall. As she thinks she don't have to control the horse, so she plan to tie herself to saddle firmly.

However, it seems quite a bit difficult to do so, that thought is dismissed. In the end, it was a normal riding attitude.

From the Nicosia city, Kaoru was going to west using highway.

And Roland's party following after her to escort.

Roland's party are struggling to match, because Kaoru is riding a War horse that is carrying only Kaoru. The horse named Ed is running way too fast.

For that reason, Roland has really appreciated that there were a lot of breaks due Kaoru's fatigue and ache in buttocks and hips.

But what can Roland's party do about daily necessities, such as food and water, camping equipment, manger?

They can't catch up with Kaoru on a horse-drawn carriage.

Also, even if Kaoru is an amateur, she has perfect communication with the horse, and the horse only needs to carry Kaoru.

There won't be any problem if Kaoru stays in town or village, but if Kaoru intend to camp outside, Roland's party will certainly is in a big trouble. Can they even get supplementary from where Kaoru camp?

Kaoru was worried about those things, but unlike last time, they decided to accompany Kaoru from the beginning.

This time Kaoru's action was opposed, and all cooperation was refused, and it was Kaoru's independent action.

There is no obligation to divide supplies.

Kaoru shows sincerity to those who are friendly and help them the best she can, but she was cold to adversaries and those who harass her.

To tell the truth, Roland's party don't know about Kaoru's item box and don't think that Kaoru is going to camp outside.

Roland and Francette believed Kaoru was a goddess but lived in human body without any special power beside the blessing power.

Right now Kaoru doesn't have any luggage. Even, at the previous operation, Kaoru slept on the carriage, ate meals are cooked by the Royal Guards and Francette.

It was only a few hours until they had taste of despair.

"Roland-sama, Kaoru-dono isn't stopping in this town, although there aren't any other towns or villages near this place..." (Royal Guard)

One of the Royal Guards reported to Roland.

"Well... Maybe Kaoru doesn't know that?" (Roland)

"No, Kaoru-dono has a map and she knew how to read the map properly..." (Francette)

Francette denied Roland's words.

It will start to get darker in an hour.

Puzzle spreads for everyone. However, they had no choice but to follow.

"Ed, want to have a good rest for today?" (Kaoru)

"Okay, young miss" (Ed)

Ed slow down the speed as Kaoru talks to him.

“Here, let’s go into the forest a little from here and make a sleeping place invisible from the highway” (Kaoru)

Then Ed and Kaoru leaving the highway and went into the forest.

“Roland-sama...” (Royal Guard)

“Oh, it looks like she camp there tonight” (Roland)

“Well, what shall we do?” (Royal Guard)

“Even if you ask me what to do...” (Roland)

After a while, 4 Royal guards returned to the town where they passed before and prepared water and food, manger and blankets etc.

Especially for horses, a large amount of water is needed, and although four horses were made enough to drink in town, it was hard to carry supplies to the camp.

Fortunately this time there was a town near, but if Kaoru camps at a place without a town or a village...

No, how can Kaoru camp without carrying anything?

Roland was thinking about what to do and can’t sleep.

At that time, Kaoru enjoyed dinner with Ed.

Kaoru pulled out a warm meal that was stored from the kitchen of the workshop before.

And Kaoru gave Ed corn, carrots, apples, cube sugar from the item box to eat in the manger.

Cube sugar was created with the ability to make any kind of potion. “It is a medicine to replenish sugar, with the same taste, appearance, ingredients as cubic sugar”

“Thank you so much! Young Miss! As promised! I will work hard tomorrow as well!” (Ed)

“Please take care of me then. Oh that’s right, drink this. It can cure your tiredness”
(Kaoru)

“Oh, thank you” (Ed)

After scattering monster, beasts, insect repelling medicines around, Kaoru slept soundly in bed.

Yes, the baron’s bed that she stored a long time ago.

❖ Next morning

Kaoru and Ed exhilarating wake up.

Enjoy breakfast, finish flower picking, and start off well.

Meanwhile, Roland’s party have sleepy awakening.

In preparation for monsters and wild beasts, they are sleeping in turn, bitten by mosquitoes, sleeping with one piece of blanket and stiffen their body.

Yesterday’s supper was a cold skewer and have hard bread for this morning breakfast. Since blankets become luggage, one sheet is the limit unless they throw away every time and buy a new thing in a nearby town.

Watching the departure of Kaoru, they chase in hurry.

“Roland-sama, have Kaoru gotten faster?” (Francette)

Roland noticed after being told by Francette, Kaoru certainly is moving faster than yesterday.

“Have she improved...?” (Roland)

Yes, Kaoru was improving.

The ache in buttocks and hip joints were healed with potions and further strengthened

just in case.

And now she was guided by the horse about the right pose.

“...still slightly hurting.

Yes, just like that.

Take the rhythm according to the fluctuation of my body, good...

Oh, a little more tightening the knees...

yeah, just like that” (Ed)

With advice from both sides, Kaoru riding ability is easy to improve.

Also, Ed was originally an elite war horse, he's only slow when suffering from a shortage of water. Now that he was cured, drink a lot of water, have a lot of favorite food and even drink potion to cure tiredness and improved stamina, no horse can compare with him right now.

Besides, Kaoru is really light.

Compare with Roland’s party, adult men wearing armor and carrying swords, Kaoru was as good as empty load.

And each break, Kaoru also let Ed drink a recovery potion.

Roland’s party can also give their horse some water. But it became more and more difficult to keep up with Ed.

“Roland-sama, this is bad! If we keep this up, Kaoru-dono will gradually go ahead of us!” (Royal Guard)

“Even if it’s impossible for Kaoru to raise speed, but our horses will exhaust themself quickly! And we haven’t even given them enough water!” (Roland)

“Even so, we can’t let Kaoru separate from us now!” (Francette)

Despite they can keep up with Kaoru somehow that day, but her pace was obviously rising from the morning to the evening.

As this rate, it will be even harder to keep up tomorrow. And when Roland was in trouble, Francette suggested.

“Roland-sama, let’s divide the escort team in two.

First team camping near Kaoru during the night, they will follow Kaoru from the morning till noon.

The second team went ahead of half a day and rest during the day until the first team catch up and let the first team rest.

The second team will keep following Kaoru from noon until evening.

The first team after get enough rest will catch up and replace the second team to escort Kaoru.

The second team will decide how to rest and travel ahead from the evening until the noon of the next day.

While the first team camp near Kaoru at night to keep guard and will follow her from morning to noon of the next day.

With this, the second team can freely decide how to rest and travel, as long as that team gain enough distance from Kaoru in waiting for first team” (Francette)

“It is a good idea! So how do you divide the team?” (Roland)

“Yes, it will be good for Roland-sama and me to camp at night, when something happens, it’s most likely to happen at night time. Roland-sama is a sword master and I’m a girl, has same gender as Kaoru that convenient to help her for various sensitive condition.

In addition, as a war potential balance, Roland-sama and I will be as strong as 4 royal guards” (Francette)

As Fracette told Roland so, she wondered in her mind.

Whether it was an angel or a goddess who brought this wonderful proposal to her.

Chapter 35

To the front

Talking with Ed, Kaoru was wondering.

...His intelligent is too good.

Why can't Ed speak normally by himself?

Is the horse originally very smart, it just can't talk human language?

No, that's impossible.

Even Ed really has a horse's intelligence, he can only answer as much as a baby.

Did the translation ability translating his words into such words that easy for Kaoru to understand?

Or have that skill raised your opponent's ability enough to have a conversation with Kaoru. To satisfy the condition "The ability to read, write and have conversation in all languages in this world"

No way...

However, the horse has lower intelligence than a dog that said to be as smart as 3 years old child. In Japan, almost all horsemen said that racing horses are slow to learn. But then, I can't explain what happens here.

Also, if you say that, is there anything that you can call a horse language in the first place?

No, even just a small animal like that squirrel could unstand and tell me the way as soon as I came to this world.

Even if I kept thinking about it, it was useless. That's why I should stop thinking.

It's good that my will can be conveyed smoothly. It's better than not being able to tell.

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Roland was disappointed at himself compare to Kaoru who kept comfortably traveling.

At night, they can go to towns and villages that are near the camp site to buy water and food although it can't really be called a camp.

Even though he is a royal member, Roland also trained in the army before.

He had camping experience.

But that's due to the fact that the armies have carriage carrying proper supplies to build camp, utensils, food, water to make warm meals, a sufficient number of blankets to make proper bed.

He hasn't sleep on grass like lower soldiers and mercenaries before.

The Western border's distance is about 7-8 days with military marching according to the speed of infantry and wagon etc.

But with full speed war horse travelling like Kaoru without any luggage, she arrives in only 3-4 days.

As Roland was thinking so, he noticed that the speed of the Western invasion Imperial army was too slow. The battlefield was far in the west rather than he thought. While everyone expected the distance is about 6 days travel from the Kingdom.

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"Oh, looks like we arrived. Go towards the place that looks like a camp" (Kaoru)

"Okay, young miss" (Ed)

Kaoru and Ed headed towards the main camp of Balmoa armies.

That was built in a high place that have a full view of the battlefield.

And, of course, she was immediately stopped by soldiers.

“Who are you!” (Soldiers)

Kaoru was surrounded by several soldiers but she calmly replied.

“Oh, my name is Kaoru. Do Balmoa armies in need for healing potions?” (Kaoru)

““Huh...!?”“ (Soldiers)

There were no soldiers who saw the goddess's friend at close range. Some people who don't even know a little girl with the name “Kaoru” but with the name like “Goddess's friend” or “Angel”

The soldiers also heard rumors about healing potions.

That isn't expensive but rather rare, not even they have used it yet, but they heard stories about the effect from those who used it.

If they have it now, how much Balmoa's armies will gain advantage on the battlefield?

But they don't know if the girl in front of them really is the infamous Kaoru.

And when they wonder about what to do... Roland's party approached in a hurry.

“I'm Roland, please show me the general” (Roland)

As expected, there were no Balmoa Kingdom soldiers who didn't know about King's brother Roland.

In haste and saluting, the soldiers took everyone to where the headquarters is located.

By the way, even if it's afternoon right now, the 4 Royal guards aren't resting at noon but joined with Roland's party because they are already near the main camp.

“Roland-sama! Why are you going to this kind of place...?” (General)

General Menes, the one in charge of Balmoa's intercept armies, greeted the party with big surprise.

"Excuse me for suddenly visiting, there are some circumstances..."

Anyway, how is the war situation?" (Roland)

In response to Roland 's question, the general answers while grudging.

"About the enemy armies, the second wave already crossed the mountain range, nearly 20,000 soldiers joined.

Their total number of troops are about 40,000, almost the same number as our armies.

But when they confronted our armies, they sudden stopped and stayed in defend, they only glared at us.

After that, there were some skirmishes but they also quickly retreated to safety.

I knew we are in a hurry to settle the matter quickly and need to head back to the kingdom for help.

But if we advance, they will pull back.

And when we pull back, they will chase us from behind.

We know that they only try to earn time as much as possible.

However, if we rush here, we will get more damage if we do something wrong

If this keeps up, we can't go back to rescue the capital" (General Menes)

The general seems upset. But then Roland brought good news.

"Oh about that, please be relieved.

All 20,000 enemy troops via Sacred Country Rueda were taken prisoners, there were no damage on our army.

Right now, we have 15,000 soldiers protecting the capital.

Don't worry about anything and concentrate on dealing with enemies in front of you" (Roland)

"~~~~~OOOOOOHHHH!!"~~~~~ (Headquarter staff members)

Inside the headquarter, everyone got excited and raised a cheer.

"Is that really true?" (General Menes)

"What's the point of telling a lie here?" (Roland)

"Oh! With this, We don't need to worry about the capital, we can take strategy actions freely!"

General Menes is trembling with happiness.

Kaoru who kept silent until now raised her question.

"Well, what would happen if the enemies here know that their army who went through from the Sacred country already surrendered?"

After hearing Kaoru's question, General Menes asked Roland with a dubious face.

"Roland-sama, who is that girl?" (General Menes)

Roland answered with a wry smile.

"Her name is Kaoru

It would be easier for the general to understand with the name "The friend of the goddess"..." (Roland)

"Huh...!?" (General Menes)

The general opens his eyes in astonishment.

"So, what's the answer to my question?" (Kaoru)

Hearing Kaoru ask again, the general responded in a panic.

"Yes, if they learn about it.

Their tactic for earning time will lost its meaning.

They will either withdraw or try to defeat our army and head to the capital.

But the possibility of withdrawing is as good as none" (General Menes)

"Why aren't they withdrawing?"

"If the Empire withdraws, they will not have anything left.

The empire is already at wit's end, that they must put emphasis in military and invade other countries.

So if they withdrew after losing many soldiers during this invasion, it will take years for them to prepare for the next invasion.

And by then, other countries already strengthen their military and be wary of them.

The tactic that they use this time, surprise attack at the mountain and at the back through the Sacred can't be used again.

That's why they will bet everything to destroy us. If they can successfully destroy us, it's normal for them to think that they can capture the capital that only have thousands of troops to protect.

Apparently the empire doesn't seem to know that the lord troops near the eastern end already arrived at the capital.

And it seems they believe that the lord troops will not make it in time to defend our capital.

The Emperor seems to estimate the capabilities of our capital too little" (General Menes)

If they apply the law of triple attack, the attack side needs 30,000 troops to win 10,000 defenders.

If they consider the capital's troops are less than 10,000 then they will need over 30,000 troops.

Did they really think 40,000 empire's troops can win against 40,000 of Balmoa's troops with less than 10,000 casualties.

In an ordinary battle,
when 30% of the unit die, it will be called [annihilation] ([全滅])
when 50% of the unit die, it will be called [destruction] ([潰滅])

Maybe they think they can destroy us (20,000 soldiers die) and have more than 30,000 soldiers left.

After that, they can do a siege game or surround the capital and wait for besieged food to run out. Their armies can raise foods from surrounding towns or carry supplies through the Sacred Country.

It was as good as they won when they can besiege Balmoa's Capital.

If the Empire is really confident in their soldier's refinement as a military state. They may believe they can win even when fighting with the same number of enemy soldiers.

"But it will be long before the Imperial soldiers know about the defeat of their comrades who invaded from the direction of the Sacred Country.

As news must return to the Empire via the Holy Country and the Empire will message across the mountain range to their armies here.

I don't know how many days will it take?" (General Menes)

Kaoru asks again to the general

"Well then, why don't we tell them from here?" (Kaoru)

"No, I wonder if they will really believe what their enemy is saying" (General Menes)

The general have a wry smile with Kaoru's question.

After thinking for a while, Kaoru smirked and said.

"Well, let's hang a delicious bait!" (Kaoru)

[Oh, she is thinking about no-good things again...]

Roland feel tired as he look at Kaoru's smug face.

❖ Next day

A loud transmission was made to the soldiers of Balmoa kingdom facing the enemies on the front line.

"Everyone, listen carefully! His Highness, the King's brother Roland-sama had arrived to our camp from the Capital yesterday!

The enemy armies that went through the Sacred Country has been destroyed, His Highness also brought a huge amount of healing potions!

We don't need to be scared of injuries anymore. People with bad physical injury should go to get healed immediately!" (either some Captain or the General himself)

That word was shouted back and forth many times. Naturally it was heard by enemy soldiers and it was conveyed to their superiors.

Chapter 36

Calculation difference

On that afternoon, the Imperial Armies suddenly went offensive.

“It’s super Effective!

When we shout the Royal King’s brother Roland-sama, they will either try to beat him down and become a hero of war or take him as a hostage...

And with Roland’s name, the news about the Empire armies invading via the sacred country were already surrendered, also increased its credibility..." (Kaoru)

Roland has a complicated expression when hear Kaoru saying so.

Right now, Kaoru and Roland ride on horseback at a place slightly elevated near the front line. Of course, in order to stand out.

There was already a fierce battle spreading at the forefront, contacting sides of both military.

If Kaoru use her cheats with full power, she may have been able to drastically reduce the casualties number of ally.

But what should she say about what happen? The goddess helped one side and unilaterally won. The soldiers have their pride, neither the winner nor the loser will be convinced. What can we say about soldiers who get killed in the battle and their families?

Of course, Kaoru came here, plan to use her cheats to help with a certain extent. But of course need to avoid annihilate the Empire with a strong offensive power. Her purpose is to end the fight with little damage to both side. Now she is waiting for a chance to intervene.

“Roland-san, try moving around for a bit or try to do something suspicious” (Kaoru)

“...What do you mean by that?” (Roland)

Roland asks back to the request of Kaoru.

“I mean, if enemy soldiers are concerned about Roland-san, sometimes they will turn their line of sight to Roland-san.

However depend on whether the bait makes a suspicious movement, such as escape, something to do, etc. that make a slight gap and enemy soldiers will try to attack” (Kaoru)

“...I understand” (Roland)

And then Roland began to move while waving his hand as if give signal to soldiers. He is a good superior officer.

After a while, the enemy army began to show a movement that is obviously incompatible with overall war situation. They obviously didn't attack or support other places with high priority but sent infantries to the small place where Kaoru and Roland stand. It looked like there weren't any horses heading to where Kaoru and Roland stand, maybe they procured locally somewhere.

“They took the bait.

After you attract them a little more, please pull back to where we arranged the ambush beforehand.

I will relax with the nice view here for a while” (Kaoru)

This is only a slightly elevated place which has no effect on the war situation. As long as the delicious bait move away. The enemies will not bring troops to a meaningless place where there's only an average girl.

“...I know” (Roland)

Roland looked at the approaching enemies's movement and said.

After a while, the enemy troops heading for Roland while pushing the Balmoa's armies

away by force.

It seems that they are determined on capture Roland that they concentrate their troops here. We only have a small number of troops, we can't stop the enemies that forcibly passed through. Just according to the Keikaku.

After this, Roland will guide the enemy troops heading to this place, draws them to the place we planned the ambush before. We will annihilate them and reduce enemy momentum.

"It is about time, please go while showing your figure adequately to enemy soldiers"
(Kaoru)

"I know" (Roland)

Roland moves out while instruct Balmoa soldiers in a loud voice, raising his right hand, as prominently.

"We will go back and get reinforcements! Everyone, retreat!!" (Roland)

Then he gets off the high place and slowly moves in the direction where there are no friendly Balmoa's soldiers that make the enemy soldiers easy to chase.

"Well, for the time being, should we go around the battlefield for sightseeing?"
(Kaoru)

The battle in this world extends for a long time unlike modern warfare. The battle has just begun, sometimes it will take a few days to finish a battle with this size.

Kaoru doesn't feel so good to see people fighting but this is a war. All everyone can do is pray that they won't die and be able to go back home.

Kaoru talked in a relaxed and bystander mode with a tone that Ed seems to be uncomfortable to hear.

"...Hey... young miss" (Ed)

"What?" (Kaoru)

"I do not know whether it is due to the mind... But aren't the enemies heading toward us instead of the bait and others?" (Ed)

"Eh...!?" (Kaoru)

An instruction was issued to all Imperial troops even before the invasion.

〔First priority securing goal: a girl who seems to be involved in the manufacture of healing potion that receiving the love of the goddess.

Second priority securing goal: Royalty members.

Third priority securing goal: ministers and senior aristocrats.

If the opportunity to secure the first priority target appear, abandon all other priority targets. Allow using massive of elite and heavy troops〕

And the characteristics of the girl had been communicated to all the soldiers.

〔Age 10 – 12 years old, black hair, black eyes, cute face〕

And now, the Empire soldiers saw a young girl stay together with the King Brother who brought a lot of healing potions, her appearance is like the description.

The securing goal of the Imperial Army elite troops was unknown to Kaoru and Roland.

〔What are the Balmoa Kingdom thinking, the King Brother and Escort guards leaving the most important girl there and running alone. It was a great opportunity that we can't miss. We will capure the girl with all cost, even if it was a trap〕

"Aaa, No good, we get surround by cavalries..." (Ed)

The cavalries run with full speed went to others side as well, as they don't want Kaoru ride horse to escape. If Kaoru reacts faster, she may still able to escape but she is an amateur that flutters in a panic, she can't afford to escape in time.

Several cavalries that surrounds in a semicircular shape from the back and gradually shrinks to a circle of the enclosure. A flock of infantry approaching from the front.

“Dangerous dangerous dangerous! Ed, can you run away?” (Kaoru)

“Impossible, Young Miss!” (Ed)

I didn't plan this, but should I use my Explosion here?

No, if I kill them with explosion, it won't make sense. It a weapon of mass killing. Should I kill them with poison, but I can't with this number of people...

what should I do?

Explosion to the extent of opening the way out?

But, if I try to escape, will they shoot arrows at me? Will I die if an arrow sticks?

Even if I get caught, I won't be killed. There will be chance to escape, and there are more that I can do later...

Before Kaoru got her idea together, the infantries finally reached the place that Kaoru stand and tried to capture her without hurting.

When the Empire soldiers about to capture the confused Kaoru. Their cavalries that surrounded from the back, suddenly moved.

“Oh, Francette...” (Kaoru)

What reflect in Kaoru's eyes was the figure of Francette that noticed the abnormality and returned with full power, Roland and 4 Royal Guards were desperately following after her.

They crushed the enemy calvaries easy.

Francette who was called Demonic Fran, Roland who is a master with sword and 4 elite Royal Guards. The enemy calvaries weren't enough to be their opponents.

The Francette cuts the enemy cavalries that surround Kaoru and descend from the horse right in front of Kaoru.

Even everyone can ride horse to move and fight with riding horse. However, they are mostly battle like infantry moving around with their own feet.

Riding horse is usually advantageous, but right now everyone can't move their horses as to protect Kaoru, the advantage of horse movement speed is gone and it will be difficult to fight.

In addition, when battle surrounded by many infantries, riding on horse can't prevent attacks from the side without weapons. The enemies can also attack from the back, attack against horses, etc.

"Sorry, everyone, it seems there was a miscalculation..." (Kaoru)

Although six people are struggled in order to protect Kaoru, but hearing her say so, they laughs.

And a fierce battle starts.

Roland and the 4 Royal guards wield the short sword.

Even if it was called short sword, it isn't actually shorter than a normal sword. It's just the sword that cavalry use is long, and what the infantry uses is short. It's an ordinary sword used by soldiers.

Judging from everyone that using this kind of sword, the enemies know that they aren't real cavalries. Even that short sword is a one-handed sword, but everyone wield it by using both hands without using shield. Without a shield, they must parry using sword.

Striking, repelling, piercing, cutting off.

Unlike Japanese sword, short sword isn't the sword that can cut easy.

Still, if you push with great force, you can cut off as much as the enemy's arm.

The enemy's screams anguish echoing.

On the other hand, Francette wears Bastard Sword. It's a two handed sword that can be handled with one hand or both hands. Of course it's longer than the short sword,

and it's quite heavy. At least it isn't a sword that can be used by mid-teens girls. If she is normal.

And, of course, Francette isn't normal, so she can use it well enough.

The equipping method are: drags it to the ground and pull it from behind, or carries it on the back.

With Francette's strength, she wanted to use a heavier and bigger sword.

But she abandon that ideal because it was impossible for her size of the body to do it.

Francette sway that bastard sword lightly as if shaking Epee or Fleure and knock down enemy soldiers. Happily.

And mountains of corpses ir serious injured enemy soldiers, which are being built one after another.

“Gya, Demonic Fran...” (Empire Soliders)

Among the enemy soldiers, trembling voices are spreading.

Immediately after that, Balmoa's ambushers noticed the failure of the strategy from the back, rushed for Roland rescue.

The circumstances arround Kaoru had become a chaotic rough battle state and confusion.

Within that chaotic battle, the common recognition of both enemy and ally is “only black haired girl should never get hurt”

With this extraordinary battle, Kaoru can't use her power.

Even if she uses something “like Nitroglycerin” or other medicine, there are so many soldiers got in turmoil and moved furiously, she may hurt the ally.

Another way is use “storage”, but when she uses it, her setting about “just a human being who happen to be the goddess's friend” will be over.

No, it will be same at the time she use the explosion...

And when the number of soldiers who fell down around three digits,

Even it's still middle of a battle, Kaoru realized that she is at safe place and have room to try something.

It happened.

One of the Empire arrows released without regard to the danger of hitting their ally in the melee battle, hit Roland's right shoulder, and Roland stopped his arms that was injured.

An enemy soldier doesn't miss that gap and swing his sword immediately.

Gakyin! (SFX)

The sound that metal hits each other echoes.

Francette broke her posture when forcibly stopped the enemy's sword with an unreasonable position, and her bastard sword's blade was broken.

The Bastard sword which had been kept swayed by the powerful francette was already close to the limit and finally it was broken.

And one spear that was thrust into her right chest without missing that great opportunity.

Fresh blood spurts out from her chest wound where the spear was pulled out.

“Fran !!” (Roland)

Roland hugs the fallen Francette.

“And, I did it, I already defeated that “Demonic Fran” !” (Imperial soldier)

An Imperial soldier shouts out in joy.

And the next moment, that man's head was blown up by an EXPLOSION.

Chapter 37

Shiken sword

“DON’T TOY WITH ME” (Kaoru)

Kaoru had blood on her head.

Her plan, her logic has completely disappeared from her head.

Who was the one who said that soldiers dying on battlefield isn't un-reason-able because that was their job.

When the spear stabbed Francette in the chest and blood leaking from the wound as the soldier pulled the spear out.

The moment she saw it, everything was blew away. While watching the collapse of many soldiers so far, she is still okay, but it wasn't so when her acquaintance collapses.

Kaoru is furious without thinking about any inconvenience for herself anymore.

She pound on Ed's neck.

Needless to say the word, Ed understood, folded his knees and let Kaoru down.

The surrounding became a little calm.

Even though Empire soldiers are accustomed to see dead in fight, but it seems they are still bothered when they see their friend's head suddenly bursts.

However, only a very small area that became quiet. There was still noise in the vicinity and the fight continued.

Kaoru looking over the sky.

The next moment, a roaring sound of a massive explosion roaring across the battlefield.

Is it a goddess or a devil's work? Or is it the future of great disaster?

That Explosion blasts the whole battlefield, all battles are discontinued.

To show the location of the cause, Kaoru created a golden pillar of clouds above her place.

And shout out loud with a strong voice.

"We are having the most important ceremony right now! Keep silent and stay there! If you want to continue the war, do it later!!" (Kaoru)

Her voice volume isn't big enough that reaches the entire battlefield, but at least it reach the area around her. The rest will be transmitted with the message. Anyway, if you dare go against it, it seems to be outrageous.

Then Kaoru confirmed the direction of Francette again. It seemed to be a fatal injury but she is still alive. Kaoru walking toward Francette and Roland.

"Yes, now, secure an angel..." (Empire Soldier)

Pa~an! (SFX)

The head of that Empire Soldier that tried to capture Kaoru was blew away.

Nobody dare to move any more.

Kaoru stopped at a position about several meters away and said in a loud voice to Francette who wetting her mouth with blood flowing back from the lungs.

"Knight Francette, the way you risked your life to kept the lord safe, as a knight, it was a fine life" (Kaoru)

Francette supported by Roland halfway, felt glad, and smiled happily.

"However, as a woman, it can't be said that your life is a very respectable lifetime" (Kaoru)

Francette has a dull face.

“So, let me give you a gift for your next life.

A well-ordered face? Glossy beautiful hair? Smooth skin like silk? A rich breast? What would you like to choose?” (Kaoru)

While hearing Kaoru ask, Francette answers with the mouth overflowing with blood.

However Francette is still able to squeeze out the answer.

“Power... , I want... power to protect... the lord...” (Francette)

Kaoru said again while walking toward Francette.

“...I know that you are going to say so.

If you only have such a foolish wish, do it in this life instead of the afterlife” (Kaoru)

Then, Kaoru gently shakes her hands in the air and picks up the drug bottle from that appear out of nowhere.

Kaoru opens the lid of the bottle, squat down and pour the content into Francette's mouth.

“Eh...” (Francette)

Fully recovered in a blink of an eye, Francette can't help but surprise.

Kaoru glanced at the broken Bastard sword that is rolling on her feet.

“With such a sword, you seem to be incomplete” (Kaoru)

And Kaoru extends her hand to the air, a sword appears.

It is made of special alloy which is hard, doesn't break, doesn't bend.

The forefront edge of the blade's thickness only a single molecule and vibrates at ultra high speed with the biomolecule of the person holding the handle as a power source.

It was the so-called “mono molecular ultra high-speed oscillating sword”

Of course, it also has heat engine that able to automatically adjust its own weight.

Why can Kaoru create a sword?

No, this isn't a sword.

Twisting the tip of the handle and removing it, there is a recovery drug inside.

In other words, this is “container of potion with the shape of a sword”

“The potion container will appear however Kaoru want”

The condition that Kaoru casually asked and got Celes promise, was actually a cheat that surpassed even the item box.

Francette accepts the sword that Kaoru gave out graciously.

However, this sword can't be just a sword.

Everyone in the surroundings thought so.

[I have to say the name of the sword]

Kaoru realized that, and panicked.

I didn't think about anything, such as the name of the sword, but here I would have to declare a name that suit it.

But all of sudden like this, I can't think of a good name.

Speaking of sword. How about Excalibur? No, it's too honest.

Sword of the chosen one, Caliburn? No, it doesn't change much.

The Chosen-King Sword Caliburn that was stuck in the rock is often confused with Excalibur.

But Excalibur was given to King Arthur by the lady of the lake...

There was also a theory that Excalibur was a remodeled Caliburn?

After getting remodeled, Caliburn became stronger.

Extra Caliburn, so called short as Excalibur?

By the way, Excalibur's sheath is worth more than the sword.

...But when we talking about sword, normally they concentrate to make the sword better, not the sheath. But the sheath was made later...

Originally Excalibur had no sheath?

Ah that's right, if it was stuck in the rock, I can agree that there was no sheath. So, the Ex-calibur is originally...

Alright, I will borrow the name of Sigurd's sword from the Nordic myths, add with Extra like with Caliburn, which make this sword is even more powerful name than the original...

"Knight Francette. Let me give you the title of the goddess' guardian knight [Einherjar] and the Goddess sword [Ex-Gram], the sword of promised victory."

Now, go [Einherjar] the Holy Knight Francette!" (Kaoru)

"Oooooooooooooo!" (Francette's war cry)

Female Knight Francette raises a war cry. And the war resumes!

Hi ~yun (SFX)

The sword cut through Imperial soldier's body without any resistance.

There was no response, was it really swinging?

Although it seems so, the upper body of the Imperial soldier slips and falls off.

Both the sword he used to block and the iron armor he wore were cut like tofu.

“““Huh...!?”““ (Fran + Enemies + Allies)

Everyone, enemies or the allies, even Francette who had swung the sword herself were stunned with that sharpness.

Fu fu (Francette)

Fu fu fu... (Francette)

Fu ha ha ha ha... (Francette)

The demon with a demonic smile appeared.

Gyaaaaa ~ ~ ~ (Imperial Soldiers)

Roland was staring at Kaoru with a desperate face as he saw Francette went away.

It can't be helped. If anything happen to Roland, Kaoru will be in trouble. And she has a give up face.

Kaoru grabs it from the air...

“Okay, This is another Goddess sword Ex- Ridill.

However, Roland-sama isn't [Einherjar] the goddess' guardian knight, I will take it back after this battle is over” (Kaoru)

“Ee~...” (Roland)

Roland-sama is speaking gruelingly as he charges forward to the enemies.

And when Kaoru noticed it again, the 4 Royal guards were also staring at her with envious faces.

Chapter 38

Tramp

[Demonic Fran is cutting Imperial soldiers one-sidedly. There's no point in blocking by with sword or wearing an iron armor. Her sword can cut everything cleanly.

Just now the Imperial soldiers gave her a lucky-blow in exchange for a tremendous sacrifice, but she recovered right away. She even got stronger than before.

There is no way we can win.]

Run away.

Imperial soldiers fled with full power, regardless of their form.

But the demon chased after them.

It is easier for Francette to fight when there aren't any allies nearby. Because she can have a full-swing without worrying about friendly-fire.

This sword. It had become her beloved sword today, this goddess sword [Ex-Gram].

From that day, Francette got Goddess' Miracle and was given power that seems to be the limits of human.

But right now she got drunk with the additional power, she was trembling with joy that's springing from the depths of her body.

To the enemy position.

To where there are more enemies.

Francette runs.

She completely forgot about people she should escort.

Roland desperately followed after Francette.

Fired by Kaoru, Francette's mind completely soared in the cloud and she ran with full speed. It will be tough for normal human like Roland to keep up.

4 Royal guards also followed after.

And each of them also held one goddess sword's part.

Goddess Sword [Ex-Hrotti]

Just like [Ex-Gram] and [Ex-Ridill], it's the name of another Sigurd's sword plus an Extra.

It was divided into "Four sword's parts"

Although the sword's parts has dropped in power. One sword's part still have the sharpness and power that aren't ashamed to be named Goddess sword.

Even it's just a special alloy made, mono-molecular sword with no super fast vibration function. It would be enough for elite Royal guards.

Well, with their eyes, that kept staring at Kaoru like 8 eyes that are shining brightly and glittering like Chihuahuas. There's no girl who can bear it.

A group of imperial soldiers who were supposed to be elite troops were trembling in fear and fled with full power.

Chasing after them while laughing is a lone Beserker.

Due to her way-too-fast chasing speed, the body of the overtaken Imperial soldiers were cut off one by one. With a big laugh.

"Damn it, Goddess gave her a sword!" (Imperial Soldier A)

"Although she got a fatal injury, she revived immediately! Moreover, she became stronger than before!" (Imperial Soldier B)

"That angel isn't a normal human being! She has the goddess' power!"

"We got punished because we aren't good person!" (Imperial Soldier C)

A large explosion in the sky ahead of time. A golden cloud suddenly appear. Warning about the ceremony of the angel.

And now, a crazy demon that is chasing closer while spreading death. There are also another 5 death gods following after.

Imperial soldiers can hear the screams of the defeated soldiers, the imperial soldiers are trembling in with that horror.

One soldier who was unable to endure the fear and finally fled to the rear in a straight line. When one escapes, others also begins to escape one after another.

And a massive defeat starts in a blink of an eye. The Imperial frontline collapses immediately.

Francette is pursuing the collapsing enemy soldiers. Roland and the Royal Guards also tramples over the enemy soldiers.

"I've already gone and done it now.

Well, I think I should try to finish this sooner and get fewer casualties... it will be little better...

The cause of the Imperial armies' defeat is Francette and Roland's party, so this victory is the power of Balmoa Kingdom's soldiers.

Yes, I can still say it like that" (Kaoru)

Kaoru murmurs to herself, emerging a gourd-shaped glass bottle containing chemicals in the sky above the front line, slightly beyond the Imperial soldiers.

One of the two bottle contains "something like Nitroglycerin" and the other contains "something like concentrated Sulfuric acid"

After emergence, the two touched each other and a big explosion occurred. Kaoru continued to do that.

And then Kaoru created small glass bulbs with “something like nitroglycerin” in the air, in a wide range. The bulbs falling to the ground and make the explosion one after another.

Kaoru choose places where there’re as few soldiers as possible. Because she can’t control the explosion good enough to just injure the enemies without any death, so she does it like this to cause less death to the Imperial soldiers.

On the Imperial Armies’ side, not only their frontline, but also the rear soldiers all started to collapse.

There was only this thought in their heads.

“I bought the anger of the goddess”

Although She didn’t appear for 53 years, but in this world, the existence of the goddess isn’t a legend, but a “fact”.

Some of the elder people actually saw the image of the goddess.

And the current phenomenon is a technique that can only be done by the goddess or her relative.

An explosion may also be a devil’s work, but the existence of the girl who is called the goddess’ s friend, an angel with the healing power denies it.

And the resurrection of the Demon Fran and the grant of the Goddess’ swords that looked like a passage in the myth.

Commander and headquarters staff of the Western invasion army also heard about it from the soldier who escaped from the hands of Francette and returned with a despairing face.

The upper part of the empire which sent them also thought that the girl was just a naive little girl who was only given the ability to create a healing medicine with the blessing of the goddess.

If they can secure her, and treat her carefully and then bringing her to the Pope of the

Sacred Country successfully. The Sacred country was said to be the country that received the goddess' blessing. For such girl with the goddess' miracle to appear at the Balmoa Kingdom. The higher up must think that she was just traveling to a foreign country and stayed there because the Royalty treat her well. They were convinced that she should stay at Great Temple that's why they waged this war.

[However the miracle that resurrect the soldiers of Balmoa's kingdom, the goddess sword giving ceremony, and the punishment for the imperial army. Head blown up just by approaching? Who dare to go and secure such existence.

Isn't that Angel girl the one who give blessings instead of the one who received blessing?

She must be a direct subordinate to the goddess, or the goddess herself...]

The Commander had doubt about the Northern invasion armies' defeat's matter, the Balmoa's army also shouting out loudly the King's brother Roland and the potion just to lower the moral.

[But with Demon party like this, isn't it real? But then, about the Northern Invasion Army...

It's hard to believe that the Kingdom army is still intact while the Imperial army is completely destroyed. But if the Balmoa army have goddess' blessing, the possibility isn't zero...

Anyway, there is no other options than to withdraw.

They still haven't lost many soldiers yet, but their soldiers are still fewer than the kingdom troops, morale is at minimum. But all of those things are just trivial.

I bought the anger of the goddess and received a goddess' punishment.

If we anger the goddess any more, everyone will be killed under the divine punishment. Then everything will fall into hell. Their family, everyone in the Empire will be killed and the country itself will be destroyed.

It is impossible for any soldiers who thinks about goddess' punishment to fight with all he've got.

Besides, their duties should already have been fulfilled.

Attract the main force of the Balmoa Kingdom army and earn time by preventing them from returning to the capital.

I have already done enough. If what the enemies shout is a hoax and the Northern Invasion Army is still alive, they should have already besieged the capital and captured it.

Even if we retreat now and let enemy's main force return. The capital may already fall, the royal family and aristocrats may already have been captured. There's no way for Balmoa's army other than surrender because their country is already defeated and surrendered.

What if the northern invasion forces were really destroyed?

I don't know anything about that. It's the responsibility of the commander over there, not related to our western invasion army.

However, in that case, because we must cross the mountain to retreat. We must leave the horse carriage with heavy equipment behind.

When Balmoa's armies went to the capital, can we give chase again?

With fewer than 40,000 soldiers, continuing the march without the wagons or horses, with only a small amount of supplies left.

If this is in normal condition, we can still reorganize our army, persuade and inspire everyone.

However, now our army already knew about the goddess' punishment... it's impossible.

But if we don't withdraw, the Empire will lose all Northern invasion 20,000 troops and Western invasion forces 40,000 troops.

Then, the remaining which is only 20,000 troops protecting the home country, so that the Ashid Kingdom will not attack with the armies' absence. That would mean the

destruction of the Empire.

In the first place, both Ashid Kingdom from the South and the Brancott Kingdom from the East are ready themselves. Both country is well aware that if the Balmoa Kingdom goes down, the next one will be themselves. There is no mystery even if those two Kingdom's armies suddenly appears from the south.

I thought long, but the conclusion has been decided from the beginning.
But I just took a little time to convince myself and to convince others.] (Commander's inner thought)

"Withdraw" (Commander)

Everyone silently nodded.

There was no need to issue an order again, all the forces were already moving to the west, in the direction where they came from.

Still, we have to issue orders. Because we are military.

Arigo Empire Western invasion armies had a full-retreat while receiving the intense pursuit of the Balmoa Kingdom's army. And when they finally reached the foot of the mountain, they abandoned a considerable amount of heavy equipment and disappeared into a steep mountain range.

The 40,000 soldiers had decreased to around 30,000.

They had lost 25% of their soldiers. It was only a little closer to 30% soldiers lost condition that is defined as "Annihilation"

If the prisoners of the Northern Invasion Armies have lost about 10% of troops without fighting and returning safely.

The total number of lost soldiers is about 12,000.

It is only 15% of 80,000 total soldiers of the Imperial Army.

However, whatever the rate of the military force, it made no difference that the entire Northern Invasion armies were captured, and the Western Invasion Armies were

completely defeated.

❖ Post war

After that, all involved countries tried to use the neutral “Sacred Country Rueda” as an intermediary. Everyone tried to get the peaceful and favorably condition as much as possible. All leader including the emperor of the Arigo Empire thought that they should gather here for the Conference.

The Empire regards this invasion as an “Unfortunate misunderstandings due to lack of information” about the angel.

However, the leaders, including the emperor, are stunned to learn that the Holy country Rueda is completely regarded as an allied nation of the Empire, is treated as an enemy country that was defeated in war, excommunicated from the goddess and completely lost religious leadership.

(T.N: Sorry, I made a mistake before. The leaders of all countries just thought that they should gather at Rueda, not they already gathered at Rueda, the Peace Conference is holding in the Balmoa's capital)

Chapter 39

Peace Conference

30 days after the Imperial Army disappeared into the mountain range which is the border.

A Peace Conference was held in Gurua, the capital of the Balmoa Kingdom. The Sacred country Rueda had lost their right as neutral country with religious leadership and there's no way the Peace Conference will be held in a defeated country.

Because the battle of this time includes problems concerning: the unilateral invasion of the Arigo empire that aims to invade the continent, and problems related to the Sacred country Rueda which has the position as the headquarters of Celestine Orthodox.

Balmoa Kingdom, Arigo Empire, Rueda Holy Kingdom, the allied countries of Balmoa Kingdom, Ashid and the Brancott, and further the eastern part from the Brancott Kingdom which is the base of the Peninsula, leaders of all nations in the continent and their attendances are also gathering here.

❖ Capital Central square

It's that big plaza between the Royal castle's main gate and the temple.

It was unprecedented for holding a peace conference outdoors.

However, there are too many attendances that coming together with nation leader to hold this conference indoor, and also the Sacred Country strongly insisted on holding conference outdoors for some reason. And a special conference hall was set up in the plaza.

Although there are many attendances most of them don't have the right to speak. The Peace Conference itself is carried out with 3 countries: Balmoa Kingdom, Arigo Empire, Rueda Sacred Country, and Ashid Kingdom can have some opinions.

Because Balmoa Kingdom was unilaterally invaded but they still had a glorious victory, it showed how extraordinary Balmoa Kingdom's power.

Arigo empire has a dispirited and resigned appearance.

And, despite being in the worst situation, the Sacred country Rueda's appearance seemingly weird.

Other countries' representatives had curious gaze against Rueda and we can hear the noisy chatter of countries's representatives in the plaza.

And the peace conference has started.

First of all, the outline of the battle flow was explained from the side of the Balmoa Kingdom, claims of compensation against the Arigo empire, claims of prisoners' ransom, food expenses on prisoners of war, claims for medical expenses and other expenses, and lastly an inviolable pledge.

When Empire pledge in front of the delegates of so many countries, if they break it, it will be treated as "The country start the invasion but don't follow the treaty, pledge"

For the Empire, a large amount of reparation was equal to being stabbed with its finance.

"No, the cause of this battle is Balmoa Kingdom!"

It was because Balmoa Kingdom restraining the angel in their country, monopolizing the miracle part! Our country just tried to save the angel..." (Arigo Empire's Prime Minister aka A.E.P.M)

However, the desperate claim of the Arigo Empire's Prime Minister was simply denied by the said "Angel" Kaoru.

"Well, I am not an "Angel" or anything like that.

I ran away from another country and just happened to arrive and live here.

Didn't I sell the potions to anyone. I'm selling to commoner as well as noble.

Ashid Kingdom or the Brancott Kingdom, Sacred country Rueda. If Arigo Empire wants it, would you mind buying it yourself? Pay the money properly" (Kaoru)

"But, there isn't stock in our country at all..." (A.E.P.M)

"It is useless to blame it on geographic matter.

just imagine this, people in Capital Gurua can't eat fresh fish caught in the Arigo Empire, and then Balmoa wage war with Arigo Empire.

Can you accept it?" (Kaoru)

"....." (A.E.P.M)

The rebuttal of the A.E.P.M was easily lost to Kaoru.

"Well, even if that's what I say.

I will improve the potion that can be kept little longer this time.

At least, enough for the potions to circulation in the empire somehow" (Kaoru)

"Huh...!?" (A.E.P.M)

"And, about Arigo Empire's economy, there is a way to develop your country, but are you willing to have a talk?" (Kaoru)

And then, Kaoru explained the marvelous facts.

[If you went west beyond the sea, way further from Arigo Empire, there's a huge island which is comparable to the Empire's land.

An island with rich nature, mineral resources.

The world ship and navigation technology are underdeveloped, Arigo Empire which is closer in distance is overwhelmingly advantageous over other countries.

I will not allow monopoly, but I will give you preferential treatment]

In fact, when the war started, Kaoru thought about how to hinder the Empire, and she tried making a recovery potion to confirm the topography around here. The Potion container will have the shape of this world in small scale.

(T.N: Like Earth Globe with potion medicine inside)

And she realized, this world, Vernier isn't spherical. And on the Vernie's globe (potion container), land, rivers and reserve resources were properly written. Because Kaoru made it consciously.

Of course, I will not tell the location of resources. It's an over service.

The Prime Minister of the Arigo Empire overflowed with tears.

Attendants of Arigo Empire also stand up from their seat and kneel on the ground.

Eee?

The attendants of other countries are in panic with everything happened before them.

Perhaps the Empire will now allocate most of their soldiers to shipbuilding and nurturing seafarers as the pioneering staff of the new site.

And if they can make a lot of ships and sailors, they can even start to trade with not only the new island but also other countries of this continent by ship.

They don't know any design for big ship yet, but they can try to paint as much as the sketch of the finished product. There are flames living in the eyes of Arigo Empire's people. Their high up people will do, the whole Empire will do it.

Meanwhile, the Empire became lively, other countries also became impatient as they heard about a tasty story.

"Uhm... Kaoru-dono, about that,... can you also make the design of the ship,..." (A.E.P.M)
(T.N: A.E.P.M say this, not King Serge. Empire begs Kaoru for the design of the ship and King Serge cut off halfway)

"Balmoa Kingdom will have reparations from the Empire every year for a while, the reparation amount is in the range that the Empire's finance can bear" (King Serge)

King Serge stood up unexpectedly, he was able to join the conversation.

Even people in other countries want to get back to their country as soon as possible to prepare the ship. But it is difficult for long boats that's used for fishing to cross the ocean. And again there's no new type of ship...

Other countries didn't know about Potion nor the actions of Kaoru until now. But right now, various countries seemed to be a little envious gaze at the Balmoa Kingdom that have the goddess' miracle. Also, Arigo Empire began to notice the real value of Kaoru.

Actually, Balmoa Kingdom wasn't thinking about pursuing the Arigo Empire and its starving citizens.

Because of that, the reparation was also split and the Empire only had to pay at a price they could afford. The Empire before this conference thought this is the end of the Empire. But right now, they have a bright expression that completely changed compared to when it is before the conference.

And now is the turn of the Sacred country Rueda.

The Sacred country was optimistic. Actually, they prepared a trump card. They believed they can restore their honor, too.

And unlike the empire, which dispatched full power to the Prime Minister instead of the Emperor himself do the talk. The Pope himself came and represent the sacred country even though he left the negotiation to a Cardinal.

"The Sacred country Rueda abandons the position of a neutral religious state and allied with the Arigo Empire. As an enemy country cooperating in the invasion to Balmoa Kingdom, we demand reparation from you just like the Arigo Empire" (Balmoa's P.M)

"We have nothing to do with that. Our country is still neutral and we weren't cooperating with the empire!" (Cardinal)

In response to the request from the Balmoa Kingdom, the Cardinal that represent the Sacred Country denies it.

However, Balmoa Kingdom will continue to discuss about that.

Recommendation of an escape for Kaoru, not to inform the invasion of the Imperial Army to any country, and clearly too early for the news to arrive.

Also, the instructions to kidnap Kaoru when Kaoru rejected. Balmoa can bring the said Cardinal himself to testify at any time.

And also, another Cardinal and monks that accompanying the Empire Northern invasion armies. They all have become prisoners of war, and Balmoa can bring them out at any time.

Also, the testimonies obtained from captured Imperial soldiers that Empire has close relationship with the Holy Pope.

Until now, other countries received letter from Balmoa Kingdom that say about the Sacred country had betrayed the goddess. But many voices of accusations leaked from the listeners of each country that didn't know the detail.

"We don't know about such kind of thing, I demand an immediate release for those priests and an apology for those documents insulting the Sacred country that Balmoa kingdom issued!" (Cardinal)

Kaoru responded to the Cardinal.

"Well, is that true? That the news didn't really properly transmit to the Holy Land? Or are you hiding because it isn't convenient for you?" (Kaoru)

"What, what... This devil magic user....!!" (Cardinal)

"Wasn't you guys just kept saying that I was an angel of the goddess? Even if I deny it, everyone in the Sacred country still wanted to do so..." (Kaoru)

The Cardinal turns bright red with Kaoru taking him lightly.

At that time, the pope which had been silent until then stands up.

"Okay then, we will prove that we are on the rightful side with the treasure of our Holy Kingdom and destroy Devil magic user who portrait as the angel!" (Pope)

He held a crystal ball in his hand.

"Hmm, I never portrayed as an Angel. Only the people of the Sacred Country who said so. I have denied from the beginning..." (Kaoru)

"Shu... shut up!!" (Pope)

In the remark of Kaoru who didn't read the air, the Holy Pope shouted.

No, rather than not read the air, it's on purpose.

The Pope continued the word as if nothing had happened.

"This is the Sacred item that the Goddess had given to us when she revealed in the Sacred country for the first time!

The goddess had entrusted us to use it when the crisis comes to the Sacred country!" (Pope)

Yes, that was the reason why the Sacred country was strangely confident.

And it was also the reason why they strongly insisted that the conference be held outdoors. If the advent of the goddess happens outdoors, more people will witness it and the news will spread wider.

(Oh, that thing, isn't that...) (Kaoru)

Of course, Kaoru was aware of it.

She had spent several hours to hear about Celes' complains before.

When she's thinking again about what the Pope said. But then she realized one thing...

"Behold! Miracles of the goddess! Proof that our Rueda Holy country is a country truly blessed by the goddess and we are blessed people!" (Pope)

And the next moment, the crystal call in the Pope hand gleamed a dazzling light.

And immediately after that, a light ball appeared above the sky.

The sphere of light gradually changed its shape and finally became a beautiful girl.

It is the descent of the goddess Celestine.

The goddess Celestine shout to the Pope, the one summoned her and kneeling with full of joy.

“Where is the space distortion?” (Celestine)

“Huh?” (Pope)

The pope had a blatant look.

Chapter 40

Decent of the Goddess

“So, where is the space distortion !?” (Celes)

Hearing the goddess Celestine shout out in a serious tone, the Pope was agape.

He didn’t know the meaning of the goddess’ question, that’s why he couldn’t answer.

And Kaoru gave him a niceboat.

No, it was more like a “mudboat” than a “nice boat”

“Celes, it’s been a while!” (Kaoru)

“Ah... Kaoru! Why are you here at such place...

Wait, but right now I don’t have time to have private talk with you!

Where is this space distortion that I can’t sense occurring? Where?” (Celes)

“Oh, there is no distortion, these people just called Celes for their own protection.

Something like: The Sacred country Rueda is a country blessed by Celes, they are the great blessed people. They seem to want to say that Celes is protecting them and do not go against their words.

They decided to call Celes because they want to prove it with everyone” (Kaoru)

Kaoru tells Celes while smiling.

“What?... that is...” (Celes)

Celes was amazed.

“I already told Kaoru before, didn’t I?

They were just people in trouble with the space distortion, They even disturbed me

for other things as well. How come the descendants of those people were great? If anything else, I treated them to be less than other normal human beings. However, even if I'm annoyed, I still worried about this world. Instead of asking them for an atonement, I gave out a contact crystal and told them to contact me as soon as they found Space Distortion Recurrence. But to think, they dare use the contact crystal for personal use, for personal protection. Didn't I say that I don't care about the power balance of this world?" (Celes)

Celes' face becomes red with anger.

Well, I did it all the time...

"I'm also handing dozens of other things in various parts of this world. There are false alarms, but that's fine. It's okay to mistake a rare natural phenomenon or disaster as space distortion. It's not a big deal to have some mistake. Rather than missing the space distortion by overlooking it, I will come to check it. But this is the second time, I have been called for personal protection. The first time they used it is a few thousands years ago since I first started distributing contact crystal..." (Celes)

"Hey, don't tell me the first one was..." (Kaoru)

Kaoru had a bad feeling.

"Un, you knew about it right.
I was so angry that I destroyed the country without thinking...
I mean, I mistaken in controlling my power and involved the surrounding countries considerably" (Celes)

All the people in the conference and all the people in the surroundings became pale.

"Listen well, Celes.

I'll teach you the borderline of the Sacred country in detail, so ABSOLUTELY DO NOT involve anyone or anything outside of..." (Kaoru)

"That, such a thing !!!" (Pope)

Cuts Kaoru's words halfway, the Pope cries out.

“Isn’t our country Rueda the Holy land, and our citizen are blessed people...?” (Pope)

“The Holy land?

The blessed people?

Did you hear what I just said.

It’s just a land that got distorted by the space distortion. I just came there to clear the space distortion and repaired the land.

Those fellows in that land were just someone who interfered with my most important work, preventing the collapse of this world. And you are those hated fellows’ descendants.

Well, you guys should prepare for my punishment, although I was going to do it without a care about you guys” (Celes)

With the cold words of Celes, the Pope collapsed.

“Well, what is this girl... to say that we are excommunicated...?” (Pope)

“Kaoru-chan?

She is my great savior, my most important friend, excommunication...” (Celes)

As Celes said so, she’s looking at the air and thinking a little. And she continued. Perhaps she was reading information from somewhere.

“Oh, I see.

However there’s no need to excommunicate, you guys are not even my faithful believers after all.

You guys just used my name without permission. I have never conveyed doctrine and I don’t admit you guys as my believers.

I had neglected you guys in the past, because I thought you would do your best to serve people as an apology for disturbing me.

To think you use my name for wrongdoing, I will never allow you to use my name in the future

Ah that’s right, if they are from the temple of other countries that don’t have any relationship with these people, I will allow them to continue to use my name to relieve people’s mind” (Celes)

It was an announcement of the end of Sacred country Rueda.

The priests of the Holy countries who were luxuriously extravagant with the money raised from citizens and believers of other countries.

What kind of eyes will the people who knew the truth will look at them from now on...

And there, Kaoru added one more punch.

"Hey, everyone, why did we call Rueda as "the Sacred country" , wasn't it weird? From now on, I think that we should just call it as Rueda..." (Kaoru)

It is a proposal from a girl who was said to be goddess Celestine's most important friend and great benefactor.

in a complete agreement. Even if people thought Kaoru was just a human girl, no-one dare to deny.

Meanwhile, Everyone is wondering if Pope might even still breathing anymore.

Somehow, Celes seemed to lost interest in those priests of Rueda, and she spoke to Kaoru.

"Kaoru-chan, you were just living in this world recently, I doubt you had yet to do anything, but did you enjoy it?" (Celes)

While saying that, Celes smiles.

"No, no, no. It's not recently! Celes has a different sense of time! I've already adventured a lot and have enjoyed it enough!" (Kaoru)

"Is that so? Well then, I wonder if I can go and make the first report to that person anytime soon..." (Celes)

"Well, I guess it's okay to do it now. If you wait too long, I'll die of an accident, incident or die of old age" (Kaoru)

"There is no such thing! So even Kaoru-chan can say an interesting joke..." (Celes)

Celes giggles.

Kaoru tilted her head.

(Huh, something strange here, I...) (Kaoru)

"Well then, I should have a look at the Record and put together the report, so that person can know about Kaoru's adventure..." (Celes)

(Eh, what is this Record? Maybe it's about all being recorded
U... Ah, the Akashic Record?

Or maybe, something has been tracing me for a long time...) (Kaoru)

...She got scared somewhat, so Kaoru stopped thinking about it.

"Well, I guess I should return soon, Kaoru, please enjoy it!" (Celes)

"Oh, wait a second! It's about Rueda..." (Kaoru)

"""She seems to have forgotten, and you have to remind her of it!!!" (Everyone)

At that moment, everyone in the plaza regardless of their different, united their hearts and had the same voice.

"Although it was only a few people that did wrong.
It's not good to punish everyone in that country.
Celes will be busy with many things.
So why don't you leave it to me, I will do it in your stead?" (Kaoru)

"Oh, I see, then I will trouble you with that.
Call me if there's something wrong, I will do it properly" (Celes)

"Roger that. You as well, do it properly with that person" (Kaoru)

"Eh? I... I will do my best!" (Celes)

That said, the appearance of Celes has disappeared.

"""We were saved..." (Everyone)

"I know what everyone thought!
But what would you do if Celes suddenly remembers and gave out punishment as she left!

I still didn't teach her Rueda's borderline yet, we don't even know which country will get involved in her rage!

I needed to make her say it properly, absolutely!" (Kaoru)

With Kaoru's words, everyone realized it and nodded. Certainly it was so.

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After that Balmoa Kingdom decided the reparation of the Sacred Country Rueda, no, just Rueda country now. Rueda was hit by a massive political change from now on, but it still need to pay compensation.

But, Rueda didn't suffer or cause any direct damage. At best, they only need to pay prisoners' food expenses.

After that, Because the delegation returned home without negotiating anything. 2 cardinals, other priest servants and monks were left as prisoners. They would stay in prison for several months until the political change ceased and the negotiation was carried out due to the petition of their relatives

Meanwhile, the Arigo Empire promptly negotiated, decided the story of installment payment compensation, set the conditions for the delivery of prisoners, and made it possible for the prisoners to return home early.

Representatives from various countries who were present at the Peace Conference were fussy.

The representatives of Balmoa Kingdom and their ally countries, Ashid Kingdom and Brancott Kingdom, as well as the representatives who came from far away land were able to see the goddess Celestine with their own eyes and hear the goddess's voice with their ears.

And most of all, the content of that story beyond their imagination.

Furthermore, every countries now know the existence of a girl who is entrusted with full power to the goddess, can produce potion of miracle, has an unparalleled wisdom, "the goddess's best friend"

That girl is the most valuable girl in this world. Everyone understand such a thing.

However, if they handle it poorly, their country will definitely be destroyed.

The goddess destroyed a country just because she was called for personal benefit. Just think about hurting the girl who is her great benefactor and best friend, what would become of their country.

Do not lay their hands on her, leave her alone, only try to ask her for help.

That is the limit.

Representatives from various countries tentatively agreed with friendship with the Balmoa Kingdom, signed a new trade agreement and promised to send a delegation once more at a later date.

And everyone went back to their country, countries that have sea and coastlines focused with shipbuilding to cross the sea. Faraway country that didn't get the potions, improve their high speed transportation to get the potion before deadline. Every country is busy with various projects.

Chapter 41

And a few years later

❖ And a few years later

The height of Kaoru remained the same as 157 cm.

She was 158 centimeters at the age of 22, so this wasn't really strange. However, she should be already 158 centimeters by now, but that's not what Kaoru is concerned about.

In this world, 157 centimeters is the average of 12 years old girl, 158 centimeters is the average height of 13 years old girl. It does not change much.

Because that was the average height in Japan, It was Kaoru who hoped to keep her gene to make her new body in this world without considering the difference in height between Westerners and Japanese.

By now, Kaoru already noticed it from the surrounding people.

But Kaoru tried to think positively. The fact that a small woman will motivate Westerners. That word crawls to the corner of her head.

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Arigo empire built a new type large ship based on the hull designed by Kaoru and established a route with the new island in the west.

In addition, they focused on trades along the continental coast by ship, and are steadily developing as a maritime nation.

By the way, Kaoru's hull model design was created by cheat. And it was this world's first wooden sail boat.

For some reason, the figure-head attached to the ship of the Empire is a certain girl

that's younger than the goddess Celestine. That certain little girl had a cute face but had bad eyes.



Rueda's leader and high up were all clerics, but right now all of them were stalled.

A huge personal property was found and was confiscated by the new government.

After stabilizing the domestic somewhat, the new-born government has requested consolidation to Balmoa Kingdom, and Balmoa Kingdom accepts it.

Today, it is treated like one of the marquis of the Balmoa Kingdom. However the representative of its people is ruling instead of the lord.

The reason for the consolidation either did they worry about the future of a small country that lost support from other countries' believer? Or did they just want to become the same country as Kaoru, who is similar to the goddess?

Balmoa Kingdom had no intention to listen to its reason.



Although Ashid Kingdom isn't an enemy like Arigo Empire, but their distance to the new Island in the West is almost equal to that of the Balmoa Kingdom, and they were focused on shipbuilding to stand superior.

The Balmoa Kingdom also competes against Ashid and of course both countries compete as a good competitors.

Although the King's brother Roland asked Kaoru for cooperation, Kaoru hands out the same design to both countries. Otherwise it won't be fun.

It seems that Roland was engaged to the goddess' guardian knight, or rather the Holy Knight Francette.

Because she is the greatest hero of the nation and even got rewarded with the Goddess's sword. There is no-one can oppose her marriage with the royal family. No,

it was rather a big welcome for the country.

After the engagement was decided, Francette visited Kaoru and swore eternal loyalty. However, even without that Kaoru knew Francette will not change.

As time passed, I feel that Roland is getting older, but Francette still has been a young girl as ever. However, Kaoru doesn't say it.

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In Brancott Kingdom, the country finally realized the biggest fish that they missed. They got the information about the little girl with a potion of miracles that appeared in Baron Runie's town. That girl is definitely Alpha Kaoru Nagase, the [goddess's friend]

Both sisters had stayed in Brancott Kingdom, but they both slipped through the hands of the kingdom due to some stupid acts.

When they think about it, in order to go to the far away country, Balmoa, you must pass through Brancott Kingdom at the base of the peninsula by all means. There was plenty of possibility to help both sisters and get them settled in Brancott Kingdom.

No, In fact, the hunters' testimony is saying that the potion of miracle girl was saying something like, that she might settle in that town only if Baron Runie didn't interfere.

Even Milfa Kaoru Nagase might settle down at the dining hall in Brancott's capital.

Even if they regret now, they couldn't do anything.

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Other far away countries.

They can finally get the potion's benefit, that was produced and spread by Balmoa Kingdom recent years.

They want that miracle girl and that unparalleled wisdom for development. The girl who seems to have the same power as the goddess Celestine.

However, there was no way they could push the impossible. They all knew about the unilateral defeat of the Arigo empire. The miserable end of the upper part of the Rueda.

And most important, goddess Celestine had said that word.

[Call me if there is something wrong, I will do it properly]

...[Do it properly]

For the goddesses, to what extent is appropriate?

No country dared to try it on our own. never.

However, they thought that it would be nice if they could invite that girl once. And ask some advice for the development of their countries.



And in Balmoa Kingdom.

Regarding shipbuilding technology, although it is one step behind the Arigo Empire, it still develops considerably.

Currently, through the prototype sailboat, they are building the first large sailboat.

In agriculture. It's about to harvest crops from the first test field with Kaoru's introduction of wheel-mill, fertilizer and rotation crops method. And after the effect has been clearly confirmed, so the country made it to full-scale introduction.

And, about the country defense: the key factor are Demon Fran and 4 death gods.

An invincible knight protecting the Royal King's Brother Roland. They are Heroes of the kingdom, who caused 40,000 Imperial troops to retreat by only 6 people including the King's brother.

There are no opponent for the five knights who received the benefit of the goddess.

...By the way, Kaoru allowed the former 4 royal guards to keep their goddess sword

[Ex-Hrotti] 's parts.

Because there is no ultra high-speed vibration function, it was [just a strong, sharp sword]

although there's no sword in this world that can compare with that [just a strong, sharp sword]

On the other hand, Kaoru took back the goddess sword [Ex-Ridill] from Roland. Because it had an ultra high-speed vibration function.

I didn't want to give it to anyone other than the Holy Knight Francette.

Roland was depressed.

[I had already gone and done a lot of things in a grand scale.

Why can't I just get myself a goddess sword!

Unfair! !]

Since Kaoru can never return it, that's why she stores it in the item box.

Kaoru can't help with this matter anyway.

If Kaoru gives the goddess sword to the Royal Family, it will greatly affect the relationship within Balmoa Kingdom and with other countries as well. If the King brother Roland receives goddess sword, many people will change their support for King Serge to Roland.

And he finally calmed down.

However afterwards, the aforementioned 4 people immediately appointed into his exclusive royal knights, as to put all the Goddess sword wielder including Francette in his place.

Has he wanted a goddess sword to that extent...?

King Serge was watching his always calm brother screaming and depressed for the first time. And was a little relief to know that [So even my brother also had time like this] ? (*T.N: Serge thinks his brother is perfect and always calm*)

Kaoru, after the Peace Conference, quit the assistant job at the workshop.

It was hard to keep helping at the workshop, as she was getting busy making various extraordinary things.

Everyone in the workshop cried and was detained, but it was useless.

However, Kaoru prepared properly.

One of the [goddess' eyes] , a 11 years old girl, Lolotto. She was a mother-temperate girl who was taking care of the six children. This girl learning everything from Kaoru wonderfully that she could look after the [five children] at the workshop.

The reason why the meal in the workshop wasn't tasty, because there were no fermented ingredients or seasoning, and Lolot that was given decent cooking utensils and ingredients demonstrated the skill of adequate cooking.

Lolotto has been taking care of [goddess 'eyes] 's meals after all.

Back in those days, because of lack of nutrition, they are considerably smaller than the average. But right now even the girls who were still seen as young girls have grown to be pretty girls.

Speaking of [goddess 'eyes] , the leader Emil.

Well, he had a good feeling for the little girl who's willing to jump into a well, Bell. Because they are only 4 years old difference, he isn't really a pedophile.

The story of the battle in that well spreads and Bell became popular.

To the point, people started making a doll that imitates Bell and put near the wells, as a charm of [the person who protects the well from bad things] ,

and many people offers to take care of Bell as well. (adopt)

Among them, there were also good people.

But Bell refused everyone and chose the way to stay with all of us. And the girl herself never told the reason.

But for her the person who tried to poison the well to be called as [the person who protects the well]

Kaoru can't help but has a bitter smile.

And the Lyotal family, the eldest son Cedric got married.

His partner was the Tsundere girl who spoke to Kaoru in the [ceremony of applying for companion]

Kaoru is overjoyed by it, and sometimes going to see the newlywed family.

Tsundere girl has gone a long way.

Acyl, who gave up on Kaoru, seems to be concerned about Lolotta after that. To him any cute girls who can make delicious dishes are good girls.

Abiri Merchant Group is doing great. There was the potion sale even if it won't gain any profit. But the hit by the new product invented by Kaoru was big. Together with the name value of Kaoru.

And when Kaoru finally got a breath after reaching a lot of things, Kaoru noticed.

[I still can't find any partner yet.

This is bad, I almost midway through the marriageable age.

Besides, I don't even have any candidate to have a relationship.]

Kaoru began to rush suddenly.

Currently, acquaintance men who are still free...

King Serge. pass!

Acyl. Please take care of Lolotto!

Former owner of Francette, Earl Adam's son, Hector-kun. When I first met him, Hector was 13 years old, he grew up a long time ago and now he is a wonderful young man. Yes, this is good man. On hold.

Alan of Brancott Kingdom. When married to another country, it will cause dispute, and the prince over there will be annoying. So pass!

Well... who else.

Eh? only this?

Only Hector the Earl's heir...

Well, aren't I in a really bad situation?

Suddenly a middle-aged man jumped out before Kaoru who was a little shocked in thought while walking around the city. He held a dagger in his hand.

"Because of you, you have destroyed the Holy country and I had lost everything..."

Die! !" (M.A.M)

It happens so suddenly, that's why Kaoru can't react in time.

And the dagger held by the M.A.M stabbed Kaoru's chest.

Chapter 42

Growth

“Huh...!?” (Kaoru)

A dagger stabbed Kaoru in the chest.

...However, it does not hurt at all.

“Huh...!?” (Middle age man)

Likewise, the assailant is surprised with Kaoru that standing still without suffering.

“Take this, this, this, this...” (Middle age man)

The assailant keep stabbing and stabbing the dagger to Kaoru many times.

It had no effect. 0 damage

Heard the screaming loudly around me, people nearby rushes to Kaoru.

And the moment Kaoru got away a little from the assailant

Zap!

A thunder which falls from the clear sky strikes the assailant. And the body of the assailant collapsed on the ground.

As a result of the investigation, that middle-aged man, as expected, is a bishop when

Rueda still was The Sacred country. He had taken a lot of donation in the past and lived in a luxury.

After goddess Celestine's descent event.

All of priests became fraudsters and all of the wealth that they saved up until then was confiscated.

The priests were making money with the goddess as a cover up story. but what will hurting the goddess' friend do?

Didn't he notice that it was impossible to defy the goddess and regain the glory of the past?

However, it would be useless to say anything to a man who lost everything and was confused.

Kaoru did not care about the man who is attacking her.

What she did in the past make a lot of people died and ruin a great deal of people's life. It is natural to get resentment.

It was another thing that Kaoru cared about.

Why didn't that dagger cause her any damage?

Besides, the thunder that struck the man wasn't Kaoru's work.

It isn't an explosion but real thunder which fell from the sky of fine weather.

Until now, Kaoru sometimes cuts her finger during cooking, falls, and of course it was just a small injury.

However, Kaoru doesn't have "body of steel"

(So, this is an automatic defense mechanism that works when there is a danger that may cause death. Because Celes can't be constantly watching... so that thunder is an automatic counterattack system?) (Kaoru)

Kaoru thought.

I have overlooked something.

I had missed something...

That's it. Several years ago, at the time of Celes' advent.

A conversation just before Ceres returns.

What did I say to Ceres at that time?

"If you wait too long, I will die from an accident, incident or die of old age"

And what did Celes answer to me?

"There's no such a thing! So even Kaoru can say an interesting joke..."

What made Ceres thought my words were a joke?

Joke. That means, it's actually impossible.

...impossible and joke. Did Celes mean "That can't happen" , I can't die from an accident, incident or die of old age?

If it was the automatic defense system, then isn't it just "I will not die from accidents or incidents"

No, wait. Then, what about die of old age?

No, no wait. Celes is certainly pure and easy to trick, but she isn't stupid. And it's quite offense to put "that ways"

And Celes' time sense is quite different from humans. Even though I came to this world for months but it's just recently to Celes.

Well, even the story from thousands of years ago was also like just happen to her.

So why Celes thought that, I who is just average human that mostly die after few

decades, won't die even if she wait too long? What was the reason? Was there something that I missed

I remember!

What did I ask from Celes about my new body before I came to this world?

Sure it was...

"Make my body with original gene and the age rejuvenated to 15 years old"

...The body with the original body gene, ages to 15 years old.

Age to 15 years old. Age to 15 years old. Age to 15 years old.

A 15 years old body.

...I didn't say that it can grow afterwards.

CELESSSSSSSSSS ~!!!

I was so stupid...

Absolutely.

Even if I didn't do any extra thing, I could just make a potion of rejuvenation if I cared for it.

Because I have the potion cheat.

Why didn't I notice it?

...Anyway, I understand that I'm not going to grow any more.

Height, and breast.

There is a way to create a potion of growth but can a cheat rewrite another cheat?

How about some secret shoes or attached pads?

Anyway my height will only change 1 more cm even if I grow.

This is because of the short stature of Japanese people and the child's face that can be seen in children, so it will not change even if I grow 1 more cm.

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"I will go on a trip, please do not look for me" (Kaoru)

"~~~~~EHHHHHHHH!!~~~~~ (Everyone in Royal castle)

With Kaoru's sudden notice, the whole Royal castle raise a fuss.

"Why...?" (Francette)

Francette asks with a shivering voice.

"Just a momentous journey to search for marriage partner" (Kaoru)

"Marriage partner, But Kaoru-chan is a Goddess, won't you remain a child forever?"
(Francette)

"Eh?"

"Ehhh?"

"~~Ehhhhhhh?"“

The scary fact turned out to be true.

It seems that I was supposed to remain in this shape since I am a goddess like Celes.

No, apparently it looks like that but it's not.

However,... if everyone keep thinking of me as a child... I can't...

Certainly, it may be impossible to get married if I'm eternal 12 years old.

No, I am 27 years old in mental age, 15 years old in physical body age, even in this world I'm already admirable adult, and old enough to marry!

Well, even if I become 1,000 years old or 10,000 years old. Will my partner be a criminal if he marry the goddess as a loli?

No, that's not the case, the physical age of this body is really 15 years old...

Damn, after all, I have no choice but to travel!

Take a journey and pretend to be an ordinary girl while I'm getting married.

This time from the beginning, the setting is

"I'm a 15 years old adult woman who is just a petite. I didn't get to eat enough when I am a child..."

And say that I am eligible for marriage!

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And a few days later.

I also parted with the children from "the eyes of the goddess"

Everyone can live by themselves now.

I told the children to give up the house, but "We will keep this house forever and we are waiting for you to return"

In preparation for the emergency, I handed over the children a few weightless potions and told them to keep it absolutely secret.

Furthermore, I gave one of the "voice transmitt crystal set" with a potion inside for communication. The other is in my item box.

I will come back in a hurry, if there's an emergency.

Using a land cruiser type container filled with "gasoline-like chemicals" in the fuel

tank,

or a helicopter type container that can be steered with the control pad of the first NES consoles.

Just left the super technology to Celes, such as the pitch angle of the rotor blades, the gyroscopic effect or the torque action, and so on!

Anyway, it seems that Gods have solved it long ago when people were still single-celled creatures, that's about it.

However, I think that my medicine cheat is creating with my power, received support of knowledge with Celes' super technology.

Or will it be built somewhere in the form I ordered, will it be transferred?

Well, sometime, I'm curious.

Oh, if I go, Balmoa Kingdom's supply of potions will cease, but there wasn't such thing at the beginning.

It's even hindering the advancement of medicine and pharmacology, it could eradicate human resources in that direction.

No matter how much I advise to protect such human resources, people can't continue to train personnel and research thing that requires money, when there's an goddess medicine before their eyes, that can cure anything when they drink it.

Their motivation will wane.

So, if they want to recover the sick and injured people, they will need to do their best on their own.

And during the journey, if necessary, I will hide the identity and relieve it in detail.

Rather than giving only the great benefit to the Balmoa Kingdom and any countries nearby.

The power of a miracle is one that can be enjoyed by a few good people who live

seriously. It must not be the things that everyone can take it as a matter of course.

In the journey, we will go with Ed. No, I will go with Ed alone.

All the necessary items are in the item box as usual, so I will need to ask the ranch to take care of Ed's family.

Ed just got 10 years old. He is about 35 to 45 years old if he is human.

I wonder if the long trip is tough for middle-aged people.

This time because it's a long journey that isn't comparable with that trip to the west.

But, there are potions, so will he be okay?

He will need to leave his wife alone, he will hate it... I guess.

I'm going to come back from time to time. After all, I also care about the "goddess' s eyes"

When I arrived at the ranch while thinking.

Ed, his wife and three daughters who are 3 years old were waiting in line.

"Oh, Kaoru-san. My husband has always been in your care" (Ed's wife)

"Kaoru Onee-chan, do you have cube sugar?" (Ed's 2 daughters)

"Hey, don't push me away" (Ed's daughter)

...are you guys really horses?

Aren't you evolving and becoming a different creature? No way,...

And why are Emil and Bell standing there, with baggage on their back?

"We are coming with you" (Emil + Bell)

Oh, my.

No matter what I say you won't change your mind, you have the eyes to follow me at all cost, aren't you?

I gave up and thought that it was time to leave with 3 from Ed's family.

““We are coming with you”“ (Fran + Roland)

I wonder why she is waiting for me, Fran...

Also, The Royal Brother Roland also stays next to her!

Well if Kaoru go on a journey, I will not even know when my fiancée will come home, I think I will also go together.

But, you are a royalty, you...

Friend of the goddess, King brother, Demon, Guardian of the well...

What a party!!

...I wonder if Emil also thinks of something, too.

And wait!

Am I going to travel with two pairs of lovy-dovy couples?

Wait, wait a moment! !

This is the trip for my Nagase clan to grow!

It is not a trip to propagate you! never!!

Many men were rolling in the Balmoa Kingdom after Kaoru departed.

“Huh? She went on a journey looking for marriage partner, did Kaoru feel like married?”

“No way, in that case, if I don't give up on her and asking!”

“No way!!”

“When we first met, she was 15 years old, she is now 19 years old.

She has growing up long ago, and that was her final form that has grown”

All was already late.

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(T.N: time skip on earth)

“Mother!”

“grandmother!”

“Great grandmother...”

Surrounded by a lot of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, my consciousness faded.

Ah, it was a happy life...

But only one.

There was one thing that I could not forgive.

“Hey, God!” (Kyoko)

“Yes, I know, I know,...” (Earth God)

A white place.

And the blond hair in the mid-twenties with blue eyes, a man who wore a white garment that Roman nobleman might be wearing

As if he is embodies of an “Ideal man”

He is the God.

“Where is that girl now?” (Kyoko)

“Oh, she is traveling along the continents with her colleagues” (God)

“How about Reiko?” (Kyoko)

“Together” (God)

“It was a bit late... Was you done asking the God over there yet?” (Kyoko)

“I have already done it. I bothered her once again...” (God)

“Well, then, please send me there quickly” (Kyoko)

“Okay, please have a good life...” (God)

“Thank you, I had been in your care, good bye!” (Kyoko)

Although Kyoko was 90 years old, she was said to be open-minded for her age.

However, the conscious body and soul recovered from her body regained liveliness. Not under influence of her aged physical body, she is full of spirit just like when she was a young girl.

The conscious body and soul were sent to the other world by the young man who is the god manages Earth.

After sending out Kyoko's consciousness body and soul, God was alone.

“But I was really surprised.

70 years ago, Ordinary people succeeded in delivering personal messages to me by themselves...

I was made aware of the possibility of human beings. It was a good study” (God)

God who manages the earth recollected memorable times when the 2 women came yelling and made promises.

(I will compensate for your life that was supposed to have a good time with Kaoru!)

“Ah once again, I bothered Celes, I have to do something to make up for her...” (Earth God)

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“Welcome to my world, Vernie!” (Celes)

I was greeted with a full smile and I draw back a little.

“Uhm..., I’m...” (Kyoko)

“Yes, I heard about you! You are the same as Kudo Reiko-san, who came before, right!” (Celes)

I think this goddess is in high tension.

“Uhm, somehow, you look very happy, is that right?” (Kyoko)

She heard about me... hmm...

“Yes, the god who managing your world, he wants to do something to apologize for troubling me again. He contacted me to say he will do anything... Ku fu, Ku fu fu...” (Celes)

I understand everything right away. I didn’t live to 90 years old for nothing.

“What did Reiko receive?” (Kyoko)

“Ah, Reiko gets the ability to use any kind of magic with unlimited capacity” (Celes)

As expected of Reiko.

“Well, I want the ability to create anything” (Kyoko)

“Eh, anything? well, it’s kinda...” (Celes)

The Goddess is reluctant.

I need to change my request.

“Uhm, what about the ability to create any kind of ship that I know

Of course, I am not a ship’s expert, so details are built according to the books written about that ship.

And please add the knowledge of how to use the ship in my head automatically, because it’s impossible for amateur to move...” (Kyoko)

“Limit to only Ship. That’s it, Kaoru and her party about to cross the sea soon... You will need it to find her easier, well then let’s go” (Celes)

The goddess is relieved when the wish change dramatically.

Kyoko quietly smirks in her heart.

“But this is a big deal, I heard from him about what you did while still having a human body. How and why did you do that? What relationship did you two have with Kaoruchan?” (Celes)

To the goddess’ question, Kyoko smiled and answered.

“Nishizono Kyōko and Kudō Reiko, we are Nagase Kaoru’s close friends!” (Kyoko)

Kyoko got a rejuvenated body and got off to the ground.

After confirming that there were no human figure in its wide prairie, she created “a ship that Kyoko knows”

Automatic control by A.I

Powerful, numerous optical weapons.

With Robot army on board.

With this, I will travel around this world and search for Kaoru.

If Reiko used any huge scale or tatical magic, this mothership will be able to detect it with the sensor.

And even if the worst case that sensor can't trace, if Reiko notices that I have come, she can use magic to find me.

I have time. Because both I and Reiko got the same body specification for Kaoru from the goddess of this world.

Kyoko got into the ship and sat down in the captain's seat, ordered the A.I

“Take off!” (Kyoko)

Chapter 43

Breakthrough in Brancott Kingdoms

Kaoru departed from Gurua, Balmoa Kingdom Capital. And soon she was about to reach the borders of Balmoa Kingdom and Brancott Kingdom.

Even people called it as a border, but unlike the modern Earth it isn't so big.

No, actually, no country can get that kind of budget or personnel to watch all the vast border lines. If people crossed the forest or mountain area, they were free to cross border.

However, almost no-one did it.

Why?

The answer was simple, [Even if they don't do that, they can cross it normally]

There wasn't a passport nor face picture. It was easy to forge and write such things, and it was also easy to take away from the owner. And the border guards also can't distinguish whether it is genuine or fake.

After all, it was only a nationwide checkpoint. There was a small counter with the function of taking taxes according to the shipment from a carriage passing through the highway. The horse-drawn carriage can't cross the forest or mountains without roads anyway.

And of course there's no tax for people walking or riding. That was the reason many small merchants tried to do individual business, they would line up in another line and that line was long.

And Kaoru group was all cavalry, their luggage were extremely small. All heavy and large things were put in Kaoru's item box

In other words, the border is free pass.

It should have been.

“...Okay, here you go” (Kaoru)

Kaoru group tried to pass the border quickly with the line that seemed short, that line was for the horse carriage whose shipment was being examined, and then they were brought to a security room.

"Angel like Kaoru-sama wouldn't need to stand in the line for people. We will escort you to the kingdom.

The carriage will be prepared soon, so please take a break here..." (border guard)

And Kaoru shouted in her heart.

(Ugu, why did this happen~~!?) (Kaoru)

Kaoru had greeted her friends and people who took care of her before leaving Gurua, the Capital of Balmoa Kingdom when they disappear. Otherwise, her suddenly disappearing will make a fuss.

And, as soon as she organized everything, she started to move as soon as possible. In order to escape from Balmoa Kingdom to the inland area, unless she use the sea route, she absolutely need to pass through Brancott Kingdom. And in Bracott Kingdom, there was [That]

Yes, [That] , the of first prince Brancott Kingdom, Fernand.

Before the news spread, Kaoru wanted to break through Brancott Kingdom.

When she got caught in the Kingdom of Brancott, it would become troublesome in many way, Kaoru thought so. But the thought about breakthrough before the news spread to the royal palace and nobility of Brancott Kingdom was failed.

...Or, it was as expected.

[That] wouldn't hesitate to spare any spies, messengers or effort to search for any news from Kaoru.

And those spies should be using for special reporting system such as the time of the emergency report of the National affairs. That messenger would replace horses every few hours for this super big news about Kaoru arriving.

The royal palace received the news, of course, would make a big fuss.

That [goddess's friend, Kaoru] came to the Brancott Kingdom. There's no way they would miss this opportunity.

Kaoru also couldn't go to the other direction. On that side, there was a mountain range, and next to it, there was Arigo empire. That country already became a marine country, Kaoru couldn't leave by ship without notice. She also couldn't leave from Balmoa Kingdom either. To go to the inlands direction, she had to go through the Brancott Kingdom.

Royal palace, aristocrats, and of course, [That guy] will use their full power, in order to secure Kaoru at the same time she entered the country. Horse carriage and elite guards would be dispatched immediately to all the roads passing through the border

line.

Umu... , this is bad! What should I do...

If I get taken to the royal palace as I am now, I will be questioned with various of things. That persistent, arrogant, stalker prince and everyone in the cafeteria where I worked may recognize me.

That man already suspected that I was the same person as that “Kaoru” and people already knew that I can make healing potion, the wound or scar can’t be used anymore. This is bad, this is really bad, I’m in a big trouble now!

However, if I try to escape from a border checkpoint security guards, they will chase after me for sure.

And if we get caught, we will be in a vulnerable position of [the criminals who broke through the border]

Umumu...

“Kaoru, do you want to kill him?” (Emil)

Emil muttered some disturbed thing.

Before departure, Emile asked me how to call my name. Emil has become 16 years old, thus it would be strange to call me [Kaoru-sama] or [Kaoru oneechan], with this world standard, I only look like about 12 years old.

Also, Bell who is now 12 years old is a bit bigger than me. In height and also... breast. I’m sorry for being proud! My chest... is a little... , but it isn’t...

I instructed Bell to ignore our age, remember the new setting, and practiced it many times. With many years of habit, she just kept calling me [Kaoru oneechan] , Oh Bell. No, as of now, I was older than Bell so it wasn’t bad. If 1 or 2 years old apart, the older sister might be slightly smaller, which wasn’t strange.

However, in the future, the difference will keep going farther, it will become strange. At that time, I better decided I was the younger one from the beginning. But for now, it wasn’t the case.

“Don’t be hasty. Because I need to think a bit, keep it as it is” (Kaoru)

“...Roger that” (Emil)

And then, someone went in the station room and reached our seat, he brought us wine in a wooden glass.

In a room like this, there should be only lukewarm water for drinks. Perhaps, this wine was prepared for the slight possibility that I would pass this border. It seems that it was just enough for 5 people.

I didn't want to waste their hardship, so I tried drinking a little. Well, it was lukewarm but it is red wine. Well, so-so.

"...and what do you want from us?" (Kaoru)

"No no. There were instructions issued from His Majesty, if by chance Kaoru-sama was coming to our country, we would treat you as a VIP and guide you to the Royal Palace immediately..." (Border Guard)

This soldier wasn't just a normal border guard, he had a Royal order to wait for me and take me to the royal palace.

"So, why did you think I was Kaoru?" (Kaoru)

"Because all of our the western diplomats had joined the peace conference in Balmoa Kingdom once, they had seen and remembered your face. Other soldiers like us only knew by looking at many kinds of figure drawings though..." (Border Guard)

Huh!?

Just what was this?

Does this mean that I absolutely couldn't escape?

Just how clinging were you! Were you guys some kind of stalker!?

At first, I planed to play dumb with [Kaoru? Who is it?], but the soldier seemed to be convinced that I was a Kaoru. So I decided to be frank because I couldn't do anything but accepted honestly.

If I denied, it would become an interrogation question. And among us... His Highness..., Oh no, right now he was [Roland niisan], his fiancee Francette, and Emily would go rampage. Especially, Francette.

No, it's dangerous, dangerous...

Ah, our family setting was like this.

Eldest son, Roland. The second son, Emile. The eldest daughter, Kaoru.

Francette is Roland's fiancée, Bell is Emil's fiancée.

No, I couldn't make everyone my brothers and sisters, because I felt there would be bad rumors when people saw two pairs of siblings seemed lovey-dovey. Rumors like [Brocon] , [Siscon] or the worst [Incest] , no no.

However, when you looked at us who suppose to be noble, Roland's atmosphere still looked like a knight, but Emil looked like commoner. In case, people asking, I will explain to them that my second brother was the son of our father and a mistress, he didn't have the right to succeed. The second brother was educated like a noble to succeed the house.

And that's why, for his future, the second brother was traveling around the world to acquire knowledge and experience, the eldest brother was also accompanying him as a supporter. And each brothers also bring their fiancée.

In addition, their sister, Kaoru was also accompanying the two couples as well.

As for me, I guess I can pull an atmosphere that isn't like a common person, such as the daughter of a naive lower aristocracy.

Also, not only Emil but also Roland and Francette were trying to hard to protect me over themselves and others. So, in order to make other think that it isn't strange, I need to make me in a [Position that need to protect]

...Was this a difficulty setting?

It wasn't okay, [If you planned to lie, you should make as credibility as possible lie!]

Ah, so noisy, shut up already...

Okay, I will ignore Roland's setting demand.

Although His Majesty is the King's brother, but he was sticking to my journey without permission, so he no longer got a royal treatment, just a [travel companion]. I will also ignore Everyone else's setting demand, but it would be troublesome if one person call Roland [Your Highness]

As he wanted to follow me... he couldn't refuse my demand.

"Well, the horse-drawn carriage is ready, so please get in here..." (Border Guard)

The guard told me so, but I refused it right away.

"Oh, that isn't needed, if we get on a carriage pulled by other horses, Ed's group will have a bad mood!" (Kaoru)

“Huh...!?” (Border Guard)

“Well, sorry to bother you!” (Kaoru)

Saying that, I took a seat on Ed quickly, the other four also did the same.

“Oh, wait, wait, please wait!” (Border Guard)

Ignoring the guard, we rushed to Ed’s group and got on the horses quickly. I just talked to the guard and I just declined his invitation [send by a carriage]. Because I thought I couldn’t escape once I got on.

As we left the border checkpoint that got into a great confusion and became a fuss. We talked loudly while riding on the horse.

“The messenger already went ahead, didn’t he!” (Kaoru)

“Ah, he got out earlier!”

“Well, should we overtake!” (Kaoru)

“Overtake!?”

Perhaps after a while, the carriage and the border guards will also follow. But, they can’t catch up with us, so it doesn’t matter anyway.

If we want to arrive at the Capital earlier than the messenger, finish errands and escape before the royal palace receives the message and responds, we will need at least 12 hours ahead.

If we break through Brancott Kingdom, advance faster than messenger, there will be no one to stop us.

This party have famous horse for royal family, and Ed family. Plus, recovery potion. Yes, there is no problem.

I shouted to the natural.

“Hiyo, Silver!” (Kaoru)

“That name again? Why are you calling another horse’s name while riding on me,

Young Lady!!" (Ed)

Ed got angry.

...I'm sorry.

Chapter 44

And to the kingdom

As soon as we left the border checkpoint, we overtook the cavalry messenger soldier. It was no surprise. The messenger planned to reach the capital in several days from now, so there was no need to rush, and also if he made the horse ran non-stop, the horse will collapse soon.

There was another way, made preparations in advance, like a replacement horse in the each village. But the messenger thought we moved slowly with the prepared carriage, thus he might not have anything prepared.

The messenger soldier overtaken by us was stunned, but he couldn't do anything. Even if he forcibly chased after us, the horse would collapse soon.

And from his point of view, he might think of us as reckless to rode horse with full speed.

Either way, that soldier wouldn't be able to chase after us nor money to keep replacing horses. There was nothing he could do, except to keep his usual pace so that he could arrive safely, considering the whole process to the royal capital.

Besides, he wouldn't think that we would be able to keep running with this speed. He might be thinking like he would overtake our horses that are exhausted quickly. He never thought that we would continue to keep running until the capital...

When it was getting dark, we prepared for camping.

I just pulled out the assembled tent, so it ended in a moment.

It was possible for us to keep going from the dawn until night, but of course we must rest at night, because it becomes hard to see at night so riding becomes more difficult. And the distance with the messenger soldier was really far because the soldier needed to stay at the inn at the nearest village or town while we can keep going until night.

Well, normal rider wouldn't have large amount of water prepared and made a delicate animal like horse to run all days. Except when there was some cheat ability.

With this condition, the target 12 hours difference would be easy to achieve.

12 hours is the time I wanted to use in the kingdom.

At first, I planned for all of us to enter the Capital secretly, so I didn't care about time limit. Sneak in and sneak out. But as we crossed the border, it changed to forcibly

breaking through the Kingdom before the messenger arrived.
At dinner, I gave Ed's family and other horses apples, carrot, corn, sugar cubes, and recovery potion. They were delighted.

"Well, Kaoru-san. Would you mind not give too much sugar to our daughter?" (Ed's wife)

Ed's wife got angry.

❖ Brancott Kingdom Capital, Aras

We were finally arriving. The messenger soldier was so far behind.
There were few people knew me as the cafeteria waitress who used to live in this town, so even if I met such people, there wasn't any problem at all.
However, it would be bad if people who know [Kaoru], the friend of goddess Celestine that lived in Balmoa Kingdom came here.
And there might be some people went to Balmoa Kingdom and remembered my face just like the border guard said.
So, for the time being, I'd like to change the color of my hair and eyes with a potion and got in.

There was no one surprised because I changed the color of my hair and eyes. For these four people, I am not a [goddess' s friend] who is informed by the general public, but [a goddess of a different world equivalent to the goddess Celestine]
And my only goal was just, went passed the gate.

As we arrived at the destination, after riding Ed's family and other horses to the stable, I drank the potion again and returned my hair, eyes's colour to black. And I opened that door.

"Long time no see ~!" (Kaoru)

"~~~~~"Kaoru-chan !!"~~~~~ (many people)

Yes, this is [Full stomach restaurant (Manpukutei)] that I used to work as a waitress and a consultant before. There was no place other than here that I wanted to stay in this capital city.

"Ka... Ka, Kaoru-chan!" (Owner Auntie)

The restaurant owner auntie heard everyone's voice, jumped out of the kitchen and hugged me tightly.
It was painful!

"Were you safe! After that, everyone was so worried because we heard that you got hurt and then went missing!"

You must have a hard time, you haven't grown up at all from that time..." (Owner Auntie)

(Ugu, right in the hurting place...) (Kaoru)

"Kaoru-chan!" (Emy)

Emy-chan came hugging me next.
...So she still worked here. But she grew up a lot...

"I'm glad, I'm so glad..." (Emy)

Emy is happy with re-union, shedding tears with *Poroporo* sound.

"Uhm, what about Agate-san?" (Kaoru)

When I asked, Emy was a little sullen.

"She got married with a merchant who was the regular customer!
Although he only had a small shop, as soon as he got married to Agate, his business began to flow, now he already become a middle-ranking merchant. Her father-in-law cherished and called her [goddess blessed daughter], she gave birth to a twin, 1 boy and 1 girl, her life was full of happiness! Ke～!" (Emy)

Ah... I understand! That feeling, I understand it painfully well, Emy-chan!

Suddenly, the door was roughly opened when I was immersed in emotion.

"Kaoru-chan!" (Agate)

It was Agate, she jumped over to me while crying. It seems that one of the customers went on to inform her the news. Apparently, her husband house is nearby.

She said even she was already 20 years old and the mother of the two children but she was forever [Agate-chan]. However, when I called out to her, I called her [Agate-san]

“Kaoru-chan, the injury! Was your injury okay?” (Agate)

“Yes, I already drank the medicine [the tears of goddess] , and then I was healed perfectly” (Kaoru)

“I’m, I’m so glad.

Well, I, I married. I talked to my husband about the story I heard from Kaoru-chan, we devised various things and worked hard! As we were doing that, the number of customers steadily increased, the business prospered, now the commercial guilds called me [The ideal wife of the merchant] Because of the relationship between the wife of the medium-sized merchant, I had a lot of influence now...

No, it’s nothing, please don’t mind it” (Agate)

I thought that it would be such a thing.

Agate-chan and Emy-chan had listened to what I was talking to customers as a [consultation shop] while picking up order as the waitresses. And also, at various times such as breaks and spare time, I talked about the basic philosophy of customer service and business in the ceremony.

But, although they had the same condition, why were there a difference with Emy-chan?

After that, I introduced my four member that going to a journey together, enjoying a chat with employees of the shop and regular customers. Francette already went to get the accommodation on the way, so it will be okay for everyone to get drunk!

Or so I thought, people stopped me drinking because my child body.

No, I was the waitress of this restaurant 4 and half years ago! Then, they knew that I was 15 years old at that time and already became an adult!

Even I insisted, everyone said [Ah!] , But they still issued juice.

Ugu...

Roland and Francette only drank black tea, saying [We are not doing such a foolish thing like drinking in the middle of the enemy territory]

Huh, this place is [enemy territory] ? For Roland or Francette.

I was exciting with a nostalgic story. It was fun, but “all good things come to an end”. If the customers don’t go home soon, it will become the source of family dispute. And also, can Agate-chan leave her father-in-law, her husband, and two infants alone?

Oh, Agate-chan is better going home now, isn't she?

Finally, I will do my best to ask everyone.

"That's right, everyone, I came here today, not as [Kaoru] that was working here 4 and a half years ago but as my twin sister, who came to greet everyone here. The place where my little sister was working and took care of her a long time ago. I would like everyone to declare that..."

Otherwise, it would become problem for me, who already had bad history with those influential people and left in the past..." (Kaoru)

Of course, everyone agreed. Even if the information leaks out, everyone can just say [Eh, you couldn't distinguish themselves, they looked alike but they were different people. Were you talking and listening properly?]

Since my appearance hasn't changed, it would be better to declare that I was my little sister (Imouto), but I already said to that Prince that I was my older sister (Onee-chan).

Failed...

Chapter 45

Farewell the Kingdom, until the day to come again!

When I woke up, I was in the capital's inn.

Yeah, I haven't drunk any alcohol (only juice), but it seems I was quite tired. I slept really well in the inn's bed.

Ed and others' horse were staying at the stables of the inn and we asked the inn's employees to take care of them after we decided to stay at that inn. 5 horses followed Francette after observing the situation without complaining. It was rather convenient. But she is a knight-like girl who walks without doing anything (talks or holds the reins), and five horses followed after her in peace.

People saw that was really surprised.

It seems that I was the last one to wake up, the other 4 already changed their clothes and readied themselves.

...Please wake me up as well!

And, why were you all looking at my sleeping face, surrounded the bed in a roundabout way!

Is this a maiden's sleeping face appreciation party?

No, I don't really mind, though.

When we were camping, we were also sleeping and I also looked at other sleeping if I woke up before them.

But I don't like this situation one bit. I'm not a spectacle! I will take an appreciation fee!

...Wait, with these people, it's a bit scary because I feel like they are willing to pay.

For now, let's eat, prepare, and depart quickly.

There was no strange sign around the inn, so it seems that messenger hasn't arrived yet.

That's right, perhaps, that messenger would also need sleep at night as well. Moving through the night is inefficient because it only wears yourself out. Rather than do such a thing, he would rather rest at night, and prepare for the next day, it's far better like that.

So that means that the difference of time from yesterday evening to the present time

isn't a loss and the difference between the distance is still the same. Then, I wonder if it is okay not to hurry so much. We traveled with Ed and other's horse and my potions to recover their stamina, even if we proceed normally, our movement speed will be faster than the messenger if he can't change his horse in each town.

After leaving this country, it will be like real [traveling around the countries] with adventures, we will either camping outdoor, staying in a town inn or staying at some certain place for a while,...

Yay, I'm getting excited!

Alright, time to escape!

❖ Evening of the same day

"Okay, So you found Kaoru-sama at the border! Later, I will give rewards for those at the checkpoint. So when will she arrive at the Capital?" (King)

In the evening, during the royal palace audience.

Received the report from the messenger, the king, first prince Fernand, ministers were overjoyed.

However, it was only for a moment.

"About that, I don't know for sure..." (Messenger)

"What? But I prepared the horse-drawn carriage at each border checkpoint, if you already knew the departure time, why wouldn't you know the estimated time of arrival?" (King)

"Well, that was... , Kaoru-sama's party wasn't riding the horse-drawn carriage but riding their horses themselves..." (Messenger)

The messenger replied to the King's question so.

"Well, whatever! Maybe they didn't want to leave their horses to other people, It can't be help... Okay then, you were already here so they should be here anytime soon..." (King)

"Actually, as soon as I departed, I was overtaken by them quite early, without encountering them again until now..." (Messenger)

“What?” (King)

“No no, they couldn’t run all the way to the capital with such speed, their horses will collapse right away. They might take a break somewhere off the highway to rest their horses, I might overtake them somewhere without knowing... that’s why I can’t predict their estimated time of arrival...” (Messenger)

“Ah, I see...” (King)

At that moment, the king heard that was relieved and sat down on the throne. However, Fernand’s complexion was bad. He asked the messenger from the side.

“Is that guess taking into consideration that Kaoru-sama has a lot of healing and recovery potions?” (Fernand)

““Ah...”” (King + Messenger)

Both the King and the messenger were now realized.

Yes, over the past 4 years, people realized Kaoru had an [invisible bag] or something like that. It was pointed put by [Researching about Kaoru-sama] organization. Especially at the time she matched against the Arigo Empire, there were many stories that couldn’t be explained. Many people had witnessed Kaoru-sama took things out of the thin air or she had everything while never held any luggage.

It’s impossible for average people to use the precious Kaoru-sama’s potions for horses. However, the said person is that [Kaoru-sama]. She can’t be treat as an [Average] people at all.

“Gather all of the soldiers available! Dispatch the search teams in the royal city, and also dispatch the search teams on the road that Kaoru-sama has passed through and the inland direction. Hurry! Fernand, just to be sure, go to that dining room!” (King)

Everyone who heard it, following the order in a hurry. Fernand also hurried running to the dining room without even replying.

“Ah, that’s right. Kaoru-chan’s big sister certainly came over last night, but Kaoru-chan didn’t” (Shop owner)

“What?” (Fernand)

A man called Fer that attached to Kaoru would come over to ask if Kaoru had visited the dining room. Because Kaoru was anticipating this to happen and told the owner last night, the owner replied as she was told briefly.

However, there's one thing Fernand wonder about. The older sister hadn't met with Kaoru again from that time, she couldn't aware of this store.

(In that case, is she actually Kaoru...) (Fernand)

"Well, I was really surprised, the customers who happen to come in, and she looks exactly like Kaoru-chan!"

I was so happy, so I caught and hugging her in my arms, I was also made big fuss!"
(Owner)

"Huh...!?" (Fernand)

"Only after heard her explanation, I knew that she is Kaoru-chan's big sister. I asked a lot of questions and told her a lot of stories, that girl was also surprised. Her group was happen coming here to have a meal, but as she knew this is the shop where her younger sister worked and lived, she booked the whole shop, invited everyone that knew her sister for a party as she listening to everyone's stories" (Owner)

"....." (Fernand)

Just when he thought that he got some important info, but it disappeared in a blink.
Only if he was there on the spot, he might be able to confirm...

Even he thought so, there was nothing he could do about it.

"Has her sister told you something like her future plans or destinations?" (Fernand)

After hearing Fer's question, the owner thought for a while and replied.

"She did not say anything about her destination. But when I told that Kaoru-chan seemed to have been injured and was forced to leave the capital, she got angry... Well, that was natural.

And her face was really scary as she muttered [Who the hell is the one who hurt my sister!] and [I will never forgive him!]... If anyone looked at the face similar to Kaoru when she was angry last night, even a child would start crying. No, forget it!" (Owner)

Fernand was pale when he heard it.

She was already aware of the other opponent is [a man]. It was already too much...

“Well, Kaoru. No, the sister, where is she now?” (Fernand)

Somewhat trembling voice, Fernand asked so.

“Well... it seems like her group went to an inn, somewhere...” (Owner)

As Fernand heard it, he left the dining room without saying anything.

“As long as you hide the fact that you are the prince. To me, you are just someone stumble upon Kaoru-chan, just a rogue. The bad guy that make her can’t stay in this city anymore. I will never forgive you!” (Owner)

The owner answered according to the model answer taught by Kaoru, surely sniffed that fact out, she said so with the face like wanted to throw up.

Fernand ran to the inn. Even though there were other search teams, but he decided to investigate himself first. And the inns investigated by Fernand were only high-class inns where only aristocrats and large merchants could stay.

No, if it was normal, a major of Kaoru’s party would suggest staying at such an inn. The king’s brother, his fiance, the great hero of the salvation, and the goddess’ best friend.

But that night, Kaoru group couldn’t stay at such an inn. And since everyone already heard what Kaoru told the people in the dining room, Francette and Roland couldn’t choose such an inn.

As a result, Fernand’s actions still end up in vain because he has yet to understand the human being [Kaoru]

“From the report, her group already left early in the morning!” (Captain or Soldier)

“What!?” (King)

The search party in the royal city was still continued, but according to a report from those who finished the inn survey, it seemed that Kaoru-sama’s group already left the capital early in the morning.

According to the information that they got from the inn’s search party, Kaoru’s group had already left the inn. But if her group wanted to continue staying, it was normal to

stay as they were. There is also possibility that her group would continue staying in the capital at another inn, but that probability was low.

“How about dispatching another search parties in the highway!” (King)

“We already instructed but it’s already evening, so we made emergency. However, if you let the search parties depart in the dark night without moon, the horses will be injured and it will be impossible to pursue. We have to depart tomorrow when it has become bright...” (Captain or Soldier)

“Well, it will be a whole day’s delay, but it can’t be helped...” (King)

The king seemed not to give up yet.

In order to escape the Capital before the messenger arrived, her group had made an impossible traveling speed with their horses. However, as soon as she achieved her purpose, her group traveling speed will fall down. The King thought so. However, Fernand who was finished his inn survey, had somehow assumed. Once again, the girl had slipped through between his fingers.

Chapter 46

Town of departure

“Is this the town where you said that you would like to stop by all means, Kaoru?”
(Francette)

“Well, well, even though I said that I want to stop by, I just want to have a little look at the guild” (Kaoru)

Good, Francette finally seems to get used to calling my name without honorific.

Although Emil and Bell got accustomed so soon. Her body looks young but what inside of her head is... uhm..., it's in the cloud.

Well then, let's go! This time was sooner than last time.

It wasn't a busy time that only the night shift person remained.

The probability of meeting [that person] would also decrease.

That's why, I chose a busy time that most of the people would present.

Enlightenment

The doorbell rings and the eyes of the hunters fixed on us.

Yes, exactly the same as last time.

And there was slightly different from the last time, their line of sight never turned back like before but kept concentrating on me.

...No, It was a big difference.

“Eh, don't tell me... you are the Angel Lady?” (Sausage Guy)

Oh, that was the sausage giving uncle!

The first uncle asked me for a foot massage, before other hunters started requesting, paying with meals and coins. I didn't forget their grace from that time!

“Were you safe? I'm so glad!” (Boar Steak Guy)

Boar steak nii-san!...

“Zilda!” (Sausage Guy)

The receptionist lady’s voice from the counters made me feel nostalgic,

As she heard the sausage uncle calling her name, she silently nodded, got out of the counter and locked the doorway with a door bar.

Eeeeeeh!? (*T.N: Kaoru’s inner shout, I guess*)

Roland and the Francette gripped the handle of their sword, Emil and Bell stood firmly by my side. Emil was grabbing the handle of his sword, but Bell still hid her knife. And the receptionist lady talked.

“Welcome, friend of the goddess, Kaoru-sama.

Allow me to thank you instead of all the guild members from the bottom of our hearts. And this time, we will never allow the rotten aristocracy to lay their hands on you again.

I swear to the goddess Celestine!” (Zilda)

The receptionist lady said so and on kneeled.

And then, other guild staff, hunters who knew about Kaoru was also kneeling on after another.

3 members of Kaoru’s party finally breathed again and took their hand off the sword’s handles.

Bell also took off her right hand off her hidden knife.

For the time when I first started selling potions. Because the transportation network wasn’t well maintained due to shortage, it was only circulated in our country. And when we finally started to expand overseas, it was this town that we shipped first.

We supplied a preferential amount more than enough for a small country’s town guild. For those involved in the sales of potions, they wondered why I shipped such a quantity is in remote country districts before the capital, but no one dared to oppose my intention as a producer.

And those guild members, hunters who saw the potions that arrived would have understood at a glance.

What is it?

And who made it?

[The story of the Arigo Empire intercepted fight, which came after from the

neighboring country, the arrival of the goddess at the peace conference, the miracle restoration of the Arigo Empire after that, the destruction of the Sacred country, Rueda.

In all those stories, the presence of a single girl who always played a central role. But before that girl became famous, she was a helpless girl who couldn't do anything, but the people here still helped her out.

But giving sausages, a piece of bear steak, a cup of juice, and a bed to rest one night, which can't be said to be something great.

They couldn't even protect her when she was taken away.] (*Kaoru talks in 3rd POV, I guess*)
That might be why they have been waiting for the day when I will visit this town again in order to say thank you some day. Maybe.

But I don't like people kneeling or such. It's not my hobby. So...

"Ah, I'm so hungry! How about a shoulder massage? Will you pay 2 sausages or a quarter of boar meat steak or a juice!" (Kaoru)

For a moment, everyone in the guild was blanked, but soon noticed my intention.

"I'm the one who paid with sausage! I will ask her once again! I don't allow any objections!" (Sausage Uncle)

"Well, I'm the one with quarter of boar steak... Who is that guy with juice?" (Boar Steak Brother)

"Wasn't it Darusson? That fellow, he went out for a request right now, so I will be taking over!" (Random Hunter A)

"Too bad for him! Even if he comes back, we will not apologize to him..." (Random Hunter B)

The laughter gradually spreads and the kneeling people stand up.
And I starts massaging.

"No, Kaoru-sama, please stop!" (Francette)

Francette returned to honorific talking, she was trying to stop in a panic but I ignored. Because this is my starting point in this world.

This is my [Starting town] and [Town of departure]

I noticed, Zilda-san's mouth was puffy.

Uuu, this was a smile, wasn't it?... I often hear that this would stop children from crying.

Same goes when she suddenly raised her eyes, a scary lady (Kitsu kitsu onee-san) or when open her mouth with her tooth peaking out.

"I'm next!" (Emil)

"I'm next!" (Roland)

So Roland and Emil said, before groaning from Francette's elbow-strike and Bell's pinch on the back.

And the fun time ended.

"Well, I will be going now" (Kaoru)

"Yes... please visit us again any time" (Zilda)

Zilda-san already returned to her average way of speaking during the fuss.
And everyone in the guild was sending me off... , Ah, that's right!

"Scary (Kitsu kitsu)... , Zilda-san, this" (Kaoru)

That was dangerous! I was about to mention the name in my head!
I took out a wooden box from the item box and handed to her.

"...this is?" (Zilda)

Zilda-san had a surprised face as she looked at the wooden box.

"I will leave the country, do you understand the meaning of that?" (Kaoru)

After thinking for a moment, Zilda-san realized.

"Production of potions will... , stop...?" (Zilda)

She got it!

"This is special made, with Celes' protection, it has stronger effect and there is no expiration date" (Kaoru)

"Huh...!?" (Zilda)

Surrounding staff and hunters also held their breath knowing the value of this wooden box.

"But, if such a thing happens..." (Zilda)

It was natural that Zilda-san worried. The aristocrat would come to take it for sure. But I would not allow it!

"It's okay. As soon as you take it out of this building, the effect will be gone. And only anyone belongs to this guild branch will have the right qualification to receive the benefit of this potion, apart from those, It will become a poison" (Kaoru)

Even though I said poison, that person would only suffer from pain for 2 to 3 days with abdominal pain and vomiting. Yes, he would suffer enough that he wanted to die.

"""Huh...!?" (Everyone in guild)

Heard my explanation, everyone in the guild had a blue face.

"That's why I think it's probably okay. So please manage it somehow" (Kaoru)

Zilda tried to kneel again, but I hugged her tightly and stopped her.
I won't let her do it!
I hate that kind of thing!

"Eh...?" (Zilda)

I quietly told the surprised Zilda-san.

"I do not like that" (Kaoru)

“...That’s right, I guess so” (Zilda)

And then, Zilda-san...

“He he...” (Zilda)

“Ha ha...” (Kaoru)

Both of us smiled.

A double brutal smile.

“U~wa, what a picture!” (Random Hunter C)

“Evil Female executives of an Evil Organization!” (Random Hunter D)

“Someone gonna get killed tonight...” (Random Hunter E)

““Shut up!!”“ (Zilda + Kaoru)



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And after Kaoru's party were gone.
People kneeled once again.

And then, in order to return the guild branch to its original state, the door bar on wooden door and "Temporarily closed" wooden board were removed. It was used on at that time.

Chapter 47

New place

Five horses were traveling in the night.
With a light that shined forward, a mysterious blue light.
Yes, that was our group.

When we stayed at town until nightfall, I felt that the Baron might arrive again so I decided to leave at midnight.
However, we will not keep moving until morning.

After traveling for a while, we gained quite a distance from the Baron.
We went into the forest, hiding ourselves from the highway and made a camp.
If we could leave his territory, the Baron would not have any kind of authorization.
But doing that would just tire us out.

Actually, with our party...

The Courageous King's brother, Roland.
Great hero of war, Demon God Fran with the Goddess sword.
Two fanatics that willing to sacrifice their live for the goddess, with a goddess sword and knife...
And the goddess herself.
It will not take even a minute to defeat the baron's army.

And the mysterious blue light is "that".
That is a chemical light, Cyalume, and a powerful one at that.
I also put a reflector on it to make it illuminate forward.
Because we don't need to hurry, this light is enough for us to travel in the highway.
At first, I was trying to use an Acetylene lamp to fit with this world background, but I abandoned it from Ed group's protest.

"Hot, too hot!, Young miss, what are you doing!" (5 horses)

With all 5 of them get angry, I have no choice but to gave it up.

As for the acetylene lamp, Calcium carbide and water are placed in the container. It will keep illuminating if there is a valve for adjusting the amount of water dripped and the amount of gas generated
Compact and bright, can keep bright for a long time, and it only needs a little knowledge to manufacture.

I thought it will be good, but it doesn't work. The reason was the horses. Even it similar to a light bulb type, it was not the type with a cover attached to the flame part one. Perhaps the horses were bad with heat type lamp...

But right now we are walking instead of riding, I can use the acetylene lamp...

At night, with the Cyalume light on the right hand and acetylene lamp on the left hand, we crossed the river.

It seems there are a lot of prohibited places in this world now...

Okay, let's try walking along the the river next time!

And camping on the riverside.

However, the acetylene lamp would be ideal for spelunking and fishing,...

Well, with my ability, I can produce both chemicals and their containers: acetylene lamp or chemical light, but I wonder which one is better.

Well, it's no big deal.

While I was in the middle of my thought, we kept going for another hour or so, and then we camped right in the place we stopped.

Because my stomach is still full from drinking recovery potions, I don't have dinner. I took care of Ed's family's body, sprayed insect repellant, took out the bed, and sleep with Bell.

Um, I finally had a chance to use it again after many years.

Of course, I always washed the sheets and mattresses and dried them in the sun, sometimes replacing them when necessary.

Oh, that's right, I haven't used this bed for 5 years!

Although we escaped to the opposite direction during that time, but please take care of me forever.

Oh, about Fran and the men?

They are sleeping on the ground.

I already handed out blankets from the item box to them, it should be enough for them.

❖ A few days later

We safely crossed the border and we entered through the inland side of the Brancott Kingdom, this is the neighboring country from the north-east side, Doriszate. There's no check point on the border line.

However, it seems we need to have an inspection in the town.

A town surrounded by walls, a so-called castle town.

This country's relationship with the Brancott Kingdom isn't bad, but because this is the border with other countries, this town served as a relay station for a certain amount of troops and trade, the castle city Serinas.

We had many camps during our travel and this is the first country we arrived at, let's stay for a few days in this town and study a little about this country.

Roland and Fran knew a lot of detailed information about the four neighbour countries, but it seems that they weren't familiar with other countries.

Well, that was reasonable.

Although they knew about this country's politics or something, but they probably wouldn't involve here directly.

Same goes for the other side.

Roland is quite famous in his country and 4 neighboring countries, but in this country, he is just <the king's brother of another country that has nothing to do with them>

The royal palace and the upper aristocracy, and upper ranks of the military may know about his name, others may not even know his name or his face.

Still, the <guardian knight of the goddess , Holy Knight Francette> is far more famous. However, Francette's actual age and the elapsed time since the Arigo Empire defense game,

I can't imagine that anyone would know that <Demon God Fran> was this young girl. It's also unfortunate, but <Francette> is common name.

Same goes for me, from the time that has passed, my age and appearance will not match the rumors.

Well, it was already different with the neighboring countries.

Just like our name has many variations.

Like Celestine's name is: Celesinus, Celestia etc, there are various versions, like misinformation in the process of communication,

I have various names such as Carou, Koaru, Devil, Executor and so on.

It is the result of the message game.

...Wait a moment, what's with the last two!

Besides, there are many girls who have been given the same name as me for the last 4 years.

Peoples are afraid to give the same name as the goddess, but there's no problem to give the same name as the girl that the goddess loved.

They hope with that name, their daughters might get a little of the goddess' protection. That's why, nowadays, the names of similar pronunciation such as Caoru, Carou, Koal, and other aren't unusual, it was recognized as an average common girl's name.

...But of course, there was no parent who would name their daughter <Devil> or <Executor>

And in those stories, my real name usually wasn't mentioned, but such as <like an angel>, <goddess' friend>

There are not many people know my proper name.

I had spoken too much, just what did I want to say, you ask?

In other words, we don't need to use pseudonym.

Even though the news I, the King's brother, and Demon God Fran left the country may spread to an extent, but it will not be transmitted to a far away country.

Actually, to make his brother Serge have more support, Roland didn't appear on the public too much but act as an advisor behind the scene.

And there is no way the country would bother to spread the fact that <Demon God Fran>, which is the greatest strength of the kingdom, is absent.

Thinking about it, the setting to hide my identity:

Right now, I'm a noble girl around 12 year-old traveling on pleasure trip.
A party with 5 aristocratic brothers and sisters.
It was too much inconspicuous.
3 out of 5 people are equipped with swords and there is no escort, and 2 of them are knight-like, it's not funny at all.

Alright, the goddess' friend and the angel-like are closed for a while.
It's not a cheap potion wholesaler like Balmoa Kingdom, I'm a lower aristocratic's daughter. I'm on a travel for learning.

In the meantime, I also make money.
No, I earn pretty much with potions, but money isn't the problem.

Especially when I have an infinite item box.
If I wanted money, I just need to invest in the shipping industry of the Arigo Empire.
Their works was inspired by me, the goddess' friend. Even though they were using my figure as boat's figure-head without my permission.

Ah, when I was a child, I thought that the <Echigo ramie shop wholesaler> is a shop selling chili noodles.
Only when I became junior high schooler, I learned that it sells ramie textiles.
Oh, I do not want to recall it, it was a dark history...

Well, anyway, I will throw away the past I don't want to recall, for a fresh start!

We were gradually reaching the wall, which we could see from far away.
That is Castle City Serinas, right?

Reincarnation... Although I wasn't born again,
my body is totally different right now and I have rejuvenated.
It was different compared to reincarnation (like Mile)
or teleportation (like Mitsuha),
This is the first country I traveled to at the second world.

The first city, Serinas.
Let's go and do my best!

Chapter 48

Castle Town Serinas

We finally arrived at the castle town of Doriszate, Serinas.

It was very easy to enter the city.

We just needed to line up and declare verbally our identities and the purpose of our traveling to Serinas.

No, in the first place, they won't be able to verify the identities and they also want to avoid trouble.

So, they only detail checked the merchant cargoes which are subject to tax.

And check if the traveler looks similar to the people in a wanted picture.

So, of course, the soldiers wanted to avoid offending Roland, who is clearly releasing the aura of the upper class, the female knight Francette, me who looks like a lady (Ojou-sama), attendants Emil and Bell.

[Coming from the Balmoa Kingdom, we are Earl Adam's men. For our studies, my brothers and sisters are traveling around the countries] (Roland)

Roland declared so.

This reason is average(normal/acceptable), right?

It also explained why there was no guard, having just a little money for a high ranked aristocrat from another country.

About that, I had given the potion to Hector-kun and Yunis-chan before, they used it to heal their grandmother.

So I got permission to use their family name, but of course, I must avoid causing inconvenience for them.

If I just used it like this, there should be no problem at all.

Well, it was unlikely that anything would happen.

Besides, Roland just declared as <Earl Adam's men>, we didn't say that we were the members of Adam family.

Even an employee of the Adam family could declare as <Earl Adam's men>
Well, in a sense, it was like <I came from the fire department>

And to show up that I didn't lie, I got a coin from Earl Adam before departure.

In exchange, we will go around seeing other countries and let them hear various stories as the souvenir.

Yeah, I was officially hired by Earl Adam.

And there was no lie to declare as <Earl Adam's men>

Yup.

[Oh, the first country, this is the streets of the foreign country that I visited for the first time!] (Kaoru)

With my exciting remark after passing through the town gate, peoples in the vicinity were staring at us.

Roland and Francette had bitter smile looking at me...

It's fine! Honest excitement should be said out loud!

Besides, since peoples thought I was 12 years old, there wasn't any problem with this, right!

And we decided to rest at an inn.

I didn't intend to choose a high-class inn, but three of us were women and it would be unnatural to choose a cheap accommodation with noble-like members.

Let's choose a reasonable place.

And then, we chose this inn by listening to various peoples. It seems like a good inn from the appearance.

[Excuse me, do you have free rooms? Two double rooms and one single room...] (Kaoru)

Well, I can't bear staying together in the same room with lovey-dovey couples!

[Oh, yes we have rooms!] (Innkeeper)

The innkeeper answered so after seeing there were five of us, she looked at me with the sorry eye.

...Uuu, It's none of your concern!

And the sun is still high.

We can eat and gather information even after it got dark.

So, right now, I should go for sightseeing, it's town of my first visited country.

Roland and Fran, Emil and Bell shared the same room.

No, in the camp, we were already all sleeping together side by side.

Emil and Bell have been together from when they are still children.

So, it shouldn't be any problem even if they slept in the same room now.

That's why I went to the town secretly by myself.

...This town isn't really different from others.

Well, we haven't gone far, we haven't crossed the ocean, we only crossed some border check.

So the races, words, and customs are almost unchanged... In the first place, this town is near the Brancott Kingdom's border.

While thinking so, I looked at the cityscape, confirmed the products variation and prices of the market.

And when I was walking into a deserted street, two (wild) men appeared blocked my way from the front.

When I turned around, there were also two men in the back as well.

They were laughing, but it isn't a smile but rather a smirk.

Oh, well, this shouldn't be the outlaws that randomly chose anyone in the street. They were aimed, to kidnap a rich child.

...What should I do.

❖ In the cage

No. I'm not a weak woman that can be kidnaped easily, you say?

Well, Even if I resist, I will only be seized and just get hurt.

If they stabbed the knife at me, the automatic defense function may work, but only if

they stabbed me.

Even if they didn't use the knife, they could just press me down and I couldn't resist, so there wasn't any point.

They might twist my arms or hit me, it would be hurt, normally.

Up until now, I could still feel pain as I felt down or got cut on my fingers, and Ceres' defense system didn't activate.

Besides, what if my thought was wrong?

What if it wasn't a <perfect automatic defense system> that absolutely works every time?

What if it only happened at that time because Ceres happened to see me?

I'm afraid that I can't test this with the risk of my life!

Well, those kidnappers didn't seem to have any intention to kill me.

That's why I let them caught quietly.

Well, there are as many opportunities to escape, so I don't have to worry. Yes, I don't have to worry.

But the problem is...

[Uu, it hurts...] (Loli 1)

[I want to go home...] (Loli 2)

It wasn't just me who got kidnapped.

And it seems like they didn't care about me or those lolis' identities when they kidnapped us.

Then why?

If they looked at me, I must look like a 12-year-old loli, a daughter of a wealthy merchant or a lower aristocrat.

And I was staying in an inn in this town with my family, which means we don't have the connection with the lord here (aristocrats often know each other)

Which means they don't have to worry about dealing with guards. And my family should not know anything about this town. Even if my family tried to find me, they can easily escape.

Conclusion. This is just a very average loli kidnapping organization.

Because everyone who got kidnapped was only lolis (young girls)
Besides, everyone was really cute.

Even though I said there were only cute lolis here but it wasn't true, their aim might a little wider?

Because they chose me, disregard for my scary eyes.

Yup.

No, I am not pleased with anything.

I was kidnapped by a loli kidnapper group. It's true! I'm telling you.

Chapter 49

Kidnapping

[What happened?] (Roland)

Taking dinner with everyone, Roland and Francette got out of the room

Emil and Bell were wandering in front of Kaoru's room.

[Ah, no, Kaoru-sama... , I mean Kaoru didn't reply no matter how hard we knocked...]
(Emil)

Emil hurriedly corrected himself because calling Kaoru with “-sama” was prohibited, although the person herself wasn't there.

[Is she sleeping soundly?
Is she going to the washroom?
Or has she went down to the first floor and have already eaten?
Well,... let's go down, for now.] (Roland)

The three others followed Roland and went to the stairs because they didn't have the key, they couldn't suddenly break the door and enter either.

[Did you see her?] (Roland)

When Roland got off to the first floor, he asked the innkeeper and the receptionist lady immediately responded.

(T.N: Innkeeper and receptionist are 2 persons, Roland asked the innkeeper but the receptionist heard that and answered)

[Oh, the black-haired girl?
After she took a room, she went out immediately] (Receptionist)

[[[[Eeeee!?]]]] (Roland + Francette + Emil + Bell)

There might be a peculiar place she wanted to visit, and there would be no problem for Kaoru because she has money.

Even if she went out for a walk, she would definitely return by dinner time.

Kaoru is such a person, of course, everyone knew it.

That means... if she couldn't return at her scheduled time, a problem has occurred.

[We're moving out!] (Roland)

Roland said so and gave the key of the room to the counter, Emil also followed after. The female team also followed the men's team and dashed out of the inn.

✧ ✧ ✧

Well, what should I do...

This place seems to be a hidden room in the basement of a house located in the city slums.

That one corner of the basement is separated to hide the cages.

These kidnappers have captured four children, including me, from 5 to 6 years old to about 10 years old.

...I will be 20 years old soon, don't lump me in there!

Ah, I mean, I decided the day when I first came to this world as my <15th birthday> I also celebrate it as my birthday properly every year.

All by myself. (T_T)

When I invite people, I will be asked how old am I, so I don't invite other people for my birthday.

Well, let's leave it alone for now.

I wonder what I should be doing now.

This hidden room is small but divided into 2 parts: 1 part with a kinda big table and 5 or 6 chairs, a cupboard and some wooden boxes.

And this part of the room is a prison, half of which is partitioned by a solid wooden grid...

It only has a small table and a chair.

Inside the room, in addition to us, the prisoners, there's a guard that's around 20 years old is sitting alone on the chair to keep watch.

But before that...

[Uoo...] (Loli)

Well, she might have been handled roughly when she was caught.

A loli around 5 to 6 years old, who seems to be the youngest was moaning in pain while putting her hand on the left shoulder from a while ago.

No, a cute loli.

I can't let such a cute loli suffer without doing anything!

No, even if it was a young boy, I will still treat him. It's true!

Well, for the time being...

[Kya!] (Loli)

I put my right hand on the loli's left shoulder where she seems to be in pain ...and generating a healing potion in my palm.

Meanwhile, my left hand was pointing towards the man sitting outside the cage.

[Pain pain, fly away!] (Kaoru)

[Gy~a!] (Man)

And then the man stood up screaming.

[Fly away!] (Kaoru)

[Gy~a!] (Man)

[Fly away!] (Kaoru)

[Gy~a!] (Man)

The man that stood up from the chair, he looked at me with his bloodshot eyes and yelled.

[You brat, what did you do?] (Man)

Fufufu, he was surprised, he was surprised.

I just made and spread a few drugs on his body that strongly stimulate pain sensation.

[Eh?

No, I did nothing.

Because this child seems to be in pain, so I stroke her,

I just say a magic spell to distract her.

Look, like this.

Pain pain, fly away!] (Kaoru)

[Guha~a! Stop, stop it right there, or I'll make you stop...] (Man)

While saying that, the man held the handle of his sword.

And I gently smiled at him.

[Huh? Is that okay?

Well, I have other spells like <sword's tip, sword's tip, fly away!> ...

However, if I cast that curse, there might be people who got stabbed by the sword's tip...]

(Kaoru)

[Gy~~~~~ gyaaaaaaa] (Man)

Ah, he ran away.

[There's no pain...] (Loli)

The girl looked up at my face with a blank face and changed to a smiling face.

Yes yes, a smile is the best for such a cute loli like this, isn't it?

[What's going on!?] (Leader)

A man who seemed to be the leader of these kidnappers opened the door.

He isn't from the four who kidnapped me.

He is around 30 years old, an average person with a relatively serious look.

Well, even in yakuza and organized crime groups,

the bottom end members look rough and stingy,
but the upper echelons might look average at first glance.

Well, that's right. "I don't point the gun at my wife's guy friends,
I don't cut my daughter's guy friends' fingers
I don't look like gangsters at all"

However, his eyes' perception is sharp
...Stop talking about the eyes.

Well, I don't want to be told so as well

Only the leader came into this room.
It seems that the guard just now, said that he was so scared and did not follow.

[Eh?
No, nothing.

The guard keeper was just sleeping just now,
Suddenly, he waked up like having a nightmare,
and then he jumped out of the room...] (Kaoru)

I grasped both hands lightly and fitted it in front of my mouth as I tried to say so.
This is so-called
Scared captured daughter's pose.
I always wanted to try it once.

Of course, I won't do this when an acquaintance is near.
Otherwise, they will feel creepy or laugh.
<It doesn't suit you> or <It is creepy>
...Shut up! (Urusai wa!)

[Damn, that idiot, sleeping on duty and all...] (Leader)

That being said, the leader left the room again.
Yeah yeah, do it in the other room, don't be so selfish.

[Is there anyone else that's hurt?] (Kaoru)

The two lolies who were still comfortably fitted in my arms shook their heads.

[Do not worry it's okay, because help will be coming soon] (Kaoru)

[...help?] (Loli)

A cute loli about 10 years old asked while looking up at me.

[Well, well, let's wait at ease, until then.

Oh, would you like to play some games?

It's easy to play, so you'll understand immediately!] (Kaoru)

If I wanted, it would be easy to escape or call for help.

Like using an explosion to attack those kidnappers. But it's hard to control so I might cause damage to the surrounding as well.

I could also make an explosion like in the war before, a golden cloud pillar, Roland and Francette will soon notice.

But it's still too early to do it.

Because the mastermind has not appeared yet.

(Beautiful young girl) Bishoujo kidnappers...

I will not remove the character of <Bishoujo> here, and I don't accept any objection.

Anyhow, I don't think that those <Bishoujo Kidnapper> are only the 5 young men here.

If you think about it carefully, those 5 may have kidnapped the girls,
but how could they transport the kidnapped girls outside of this castle town?

There wouldn't be any idiot who dared to buy kidnapped girls from the same town.

Perhaps they have company.

They might be a merchant, a powerful person, a criminal organization,...

That is a staple background in a historical drama.

There is no doubt!

Chapter 50

Meddling

[Wha, what are you doing!] (Man 2)

The man came into the room and shouted at us who were playing a game.
This man isn't the first man nor the leader from a while ago.
He is another man around 20 years old.
And what we are doing is playing...
It's a board game very similar to Othello.
The board and stone are handmade by me.
And the pieces are the black and white pebbles.

[Where did you hide it?] (Man 2)

[Eh? But haven't we got it from the beginning?] (Kaoru)

As I said that, I showed the leather bag on the floor to the second man.

[Huh...?] (Man 2)

The man opened his eyes wide and was perplexedly staring at the bag.

And after a while.

[Well... that..., was that so?] (Man 2)

[That's right!] (Kaoru)

[.....] (Man 2)

It seems like he still isn't convinced yet, but he sits on a chair in doubt for now.
Yes, I make a small size bag that the board absolutely doesn't fit in.
So of course, he isn't convinced.

And after a while.

[...What are you eating?] (Man 2)

[Can't you see it? Bread, large skewers, and grape juice] (Kaoru)

[Where did you get it from?] (Man 2)

[From this bag...] (Kaoru)

[How can that be~eeeeee?] (Man 2)

4 little girls sat in the cage all had large skewers and bread in both hands and placed large cups with grape juice in front of their feet.

And of course, all of them are too big to be put inside a small bag.

[Okay everyone, are you full?

Please return the skewers and cups after you finished eating] (Kaoru)

[[[Yes]]] (3 lolitas)

And 4 large skewers, 4 large cups, which are too big but they are all still inserted inside the bag one after another.

[It won't fit! It won't fiiiiiii~iiiitt!] (Man 2)

As he was shouting so, the second man jumped out of the room with fearful eyes.

Just like the first man.

Perhaps, he will also call the leader again.

Only the leader has the key of this cage, the guard can't open the cage by himself.

The reason might be to prevent a stupid watchman getting deceived and open the cage by himself or putting his hand on "the products"

Well, it's reasonable.

If something happens, the guard only need to call the leader at once.

[Not again! What the hell is it this time?] (Leader)

[Those girls, they have something strange...] (Man 2)

[Which one?] (Leader)

[Ah, uhm...] (Man 2)

And of course, when the leader and the second man came in, there were only the 4 of us.

There was nothing like a strange bag, large skewers, cups with grape juice, board.
There was nothing at all.

[.....] (Man 2)

[Stop wasting my time. Are you kidding me?] (Leader)

The leader shouted at the second man...

[Stop calling me and waste my time everytime you daydream. You losers.
And before that, don't fall asleep while watching!
Even they are just children but what the hell are you doing about your duty as guards?]
(Leader)

...something like a new employee education has begun.

I wonder if I will also be shouted at after this. (*T.N: By Francette and Roland*)

Oh, I hate it. I do not want it!

Well, let's leave it alone for now.

[Brats, do you have a bag, play boards, and skewers...?] (Leader)

Furu Furu Furu Furu.

And 4 girls shook their heads to the leader's question.

Ah, but if he looked carefully, he might see the sauce of the skewers on the cheek of
the 8 years old lolita...

[...] (Man 2)

The second man's ear was pulled by the leader and disappeared into the next room.
It seems the sauce was not noticed. Good.

[Okay, now I will explain the next strategy!] (Kaoru)

[[[Yes]]] (3 lolitas)

[...honestly, what the hell is this...?] (Man 3)

He appeared while complaining, the third man that is.
He was about early 20 years old.

[My turn was supposed to be tomorrow...
Damn, and I planned to go out drinking] (Man 3)

[Oh, what about those who were earlier?] (Kaoru)

[They are being preached by the leader.
What a stupid thing, making a fuss about their nightmares after dozing off...] (Man 3)

Oh, unlike the two before, he talks rather friendly.
Did he like talking with kids?
If so, why would he do such a job?
No, maybe he didn't know the detail and just happened to receive such work.
In any case, I won't miss the opportunity to collect information!

[Well, what will happen to us from now...?] (Kaoru)

I talked with an anxious voice.
Of course, with the <Scared girl pose> that brought both my hands in front of my chin.
If I don't use it now, I don't know when the next opportunity will be available.

[Ohhhh..., you won't be harmed and there's no danger to your life.
You can rest assured.
You may be able to live a good life without hunger.
Well, you may be working as a maid to satisfy your master's demand, but at least it's not a heavy labor.
And there's a possibility that you become the 4th wife of a poor lower class aristocrat.
How envious...] (Man 3)

From living in hiding as a criminal, it's really an enviable life.
The third man said so with an envious tone.

But, that's it.

A love slave, a love slave, a love slave, a love slave,...

It's a crime.

No, at the time they kidnapped girls, it's already a crime.

In addition to that, slaves other than criminal slaves are illegal in this country.

Selling, buying, and using.

And even the criminal slave is called "slave", but that's just a type of imprisonment.

They are just trapped in prison.

There are no friendly nationals who do charity for prisoners to eat foods.

Those criminals that had that kind of heavy sins might easily got a death sentence.

Even so, it will be a waste of human resources.

And those that are obtaine an equivalent to death sentence will be worked as mine slaves, or as disposable troops in wartime.

And those who got the lifetime imprisonment are equivalent to the lifetime slaves as well.

But anyway, slaves are only criminals.

And the child who was born from a slave isn't a criminal. That child will become an ordinary commoner.

It's just their parents that are the criminals.

And even if the child did something bad.

The child will be properly investigated whether it was ordered by the parents or other adults.

In other words, unless there was a reasonable circumstance, there's no such thing as a young girl under 10 years old become a slave. And even if a child becomes a slave, it's still a criminal slave, not a love slave.

Love slave is an illegal slave.

Trading, holding, etc, all those involved are illegal.

In other words, if I can grasp some information leaks, I can crush all of the people involved.

They can't get away easily.

No matter how high the rank of the mastermind.

Yes, that's it.

[Uhm, where will you take us to?] (Kaoru)

If I asked him so with a scared voice, he might tell me more about it.

[Oh, it might be the mansion of a local lord of this country and a medium-sized traveling merchants.

High ranked aristocrats and big merchants will be out of the question, they don't take such a risk.

So, you won't be brought to any big cities.

Even we don't sell you, without money and power,

What can the minor girls like you do?

Therefore, the place you will be sold is either the lower ranked aristocrats or medium-sized traveling merchants,

Well, to be clear, the lords won't dispatch soldiers to find and help you.

For them, it's too much trouble to dispatch soldiers to help some local commoner children, that's how this country ruler is...] (Man 3)

[Oh...] (Kaoru)

Understood.

Well, the place we will be sold might be different.

Then, I have to finish it before leaving this town.

Chapter 51

Snap*

[So, we have to stay here for the time being?] (Kaoru)

[Yep, that's how it is. We will be leaving soon at dawn] (Man 3)

Did he want to talk a little more?
Was he feeling bored?
Or did he like to play and talk with girls?

Lolicon...

In addition, the girls will be carried to some strange place without a trace left behind,
there's no problem if he talks this much with her.

[Actually, because the other two seem to be a little emotionally wounded from a while ago, they don't want to keep guarding you girls. We can't stay here for long.
That's why we are going to hasten the schedule this time and even ask for support.
A moment ago, the leader said so] (Man 3)

Alright, keikaku doori!
(T.N: this is a meme, which means "Just according to the plan")

It seems like the men need to wake up early, so after saying "later, then", the third man tries to go to sleep quickly.

I had listened to various things.

Now, I needed to consider a lot of things.

...Now that I think about it, I will be moved tomorrow, so I needed to stay awake all night!

I can rest while staying awake without any problem.

And even if I wanted, I couldn't sleep because I was excited at what would happen tomorrow.

The other three?

They slept quickly a long time ago, leaving the talking with the third man to me!

And around dawn, I noticed the noise coming from outside.

4 other men included the leader, were entering the prison room.

5 kidnappers in total, they are a group.

It seems like they plan to move now.

The leader opened the cage with the key in his pocket and the 4 other men tied each of us individually, pushed the cloth out into our mouth as a gag.

They didn't tie our legs, they made us walk to the next room, and then went up the stairs to the outside.

When I climb up the stairs, I don't forget to leave markers quietly by using my potion making ability.

And then, when we left the slum building or something, there's a wagon waiting ahead. After making us walked into the loading platform of the wagon, they also tied our legs this time.

On the loading platform, there are 6 empty barrels...

How would the kidnapper use it?

You can bet a single gold coin.

...But there's no one here to bet.

They put 4 < Bishoujo > in 4 barrels and leave the 2 empty barrels near the outside, and then the wagon starts moving.

...towards the gate.

As they closed the barrel lid, I immediately took out the knife from the item box.

Because it's painful in this posture, so first of all, I cut the ankle rope, and then the wrist.

I also thought about using the liquid to melt the rope, but I was afraid my skin or my clothes will also melt, so I didn't use it.

Even if I got some cuts on my hands, I can easily heal myself with a healing potion.

The rope was cut easily because I used a single molecule ultra high-speed vibration knife.

Of course, there is a potion in the handle. It's a < Knife type potion container >

And of course, with a sharp knife like that, my hands were also got a deep cut.

It hurts!

Potion, potion!

After a while, the wagon stopped and I heard people talking.

[What is your cargo?] (Guard)

[Yes, there are only six empty barrels. I'm going to purchase wine later...] (Man?)

[Let's check it...

Well, there are actually six barrels, okay!] (Guard)

Ehh, why didn't he check if the barrels are empty?

But now is the time!

I broke through the lid that had been scratched in advance with the knife and shouted from the barrel.

[They are a kidnappers! Please help us!] (Kaoru)

[Well, it's no doubt that they are just some empty barrels, good, now go!] (Guard)

[Thank you] (Man?)

[Huh...?] (Kaoru)

The guard grins while looking into the wagon.

I don't think I see the other man before, he looks like a merchant.

And the merchant signals to his escorts coming aboard the wagon to tie me back.

I see, so they are accomplices...

I think I lure out enough of the enemies now...

Okay, I shall do it.

I created another liquid potion with a gourd-shaped glass container over the carriage.

Yes, the one that I used against the Arigo Empire westward invasion army.

<Nitroglycerin-like> and <Concentrated sulfuric acid-like> mixed together...

And, explode.

Furthermore, as a marker, I make a golden cloud on top of the wagon.

Roland and Francette will come flying now.

And...

[Have a look at the sunshine] (Kaoru)

As I say that, I create the light of the rising sun from the back of the loaded platform...
I get out from the barrel and create a super small spray can in my palm.
Finish thing off with style is important.

Of course, this is it.

As the men heard a sudden explosion, they were surprised and still didn't move again yet,...

[Death blow! Goddess' breath!] (Kaoru)

[[[[Aaaaaaa ~!]]]] (Men)

I shouted an unknown magical name for a deadly strike while spraying the capsicum extract, capsaicin spray.

No, actually the goddess' breath isn't such an intense smell.

If such a rumor is spreading, I don't know what to do with Celes.

...It might be better to change the name of this Special Move.

Other escorts and guards who came running after noticing the fuss also got sprayed as well.

No, even though I was trying to shout looking for help before, but they didn't react, so they might be guilty as well.

At least, I can't believe in those guards at this place.

I won't leave anyone un-harm even if there are innocent guards as well,

I just need to use a healing potion to heal them after they can prove their innocence.

For now, I just have to wait for decent security guards to come...

Oh, I have to take other lolitas out of the barrels.

...Actually, I didn't forget.

...If they were taken hostage I wouldn't be able to use the capsicum spray...

...I'm sorry, I have forgotten!

Also, for safety, I created a spray medicine that makes human beings lose their strength on contact and sprayed around the people rolling around...

...I should create this from the beginning.

Well but, as punishment, capsicum spray is a good choice!

I will keep that kind of thing.

❖ And after 10 minutes

When merchants and travelers wondered why the waiting queue to go out wasn't advanced at all, 4 (wild) people appeared from the center of the city and ran with full power toward the gate.

They are coming closer...

[Oh, Fran!] (Kaoru)

The one who ran ahead is the most powerful among the four, Francette.
A little behind her are Roland, Emil and Bell were also running.

[IT'S NOT "Oh" !] (Fran)

Somehow she seems to be really angry.
I shouldn't go against her at the moment.

[Do you know how worried we were!

We went searching for the whole night...
So just what were you doing?] (Fran)

Yes, she was seriously angry.
Francette really raised her voice while questioned me.
She always shows respect to me.
For now, I decided to answer honestly.
It will be bad otherwise.

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[No, about that, I got kidnapped yesterday.
The criminals are those men who are rolling on the floor now,
There are also other victims other than me.
And those guards who are rolling around are the kidnapper's accomplices!] (Kaoru)

I shouted so loudly so that people who were gathering around also heard it...
...I might have a sore throat later.

[[[[EeeeeeeeHHHHHHH!]]]] (Francette + others)

Not only Francette but also people who gathered around waiting raised their surprised voices.

Even though this isn't a big town, but if there's a kidnapping group present, the rumor will spread.

And, if the guards of this town are accomplices, it will be an incredible scandal to the lord.

It is also a big crime, kidnapping plus slave trading.

Furthermore, considering the location of this town, there's a high possibility that those who came from neighboring countries were also damaged.

...if they deal with it poorly, it's an international issue.

And then, a lot of figures come from the center of the city.

Yeah, that's right, I guess that is the security guard's main unit.

Chapter 52

It's "Nyantro People", no, it's a goddess' work

[What's going on?] (Guard captain)

They seem to be the security guards who came from stations somewhere, there are about dozens of soldiers.

Well, it's natural.

This city is the castle town near the border.

And now there is a loud explosion around the gate together with a strange golden smoke.

Of course, the soldiers will come rushing.

It will be strange if they don't come.

Although there shouldn't be a sudden invasion because they have a good relationship with the neighboring countries.

There shouldn't be a raid either, because this town is holding a rather large number of troops.

In the town that near the border, there's usually a lot of soldiers.

[What's going on? Can anyone explain the situation?] (Guard captain)

A man seems to be the captain of those soldiers shouted loudly when other soldiers surrounded the wagon.

Several security guards were checking the wagon and the men who were rolling around on the ground.

The other guards looked at an armed man, a young boy, and 3 young girls.

Normally, the guard might start arresting without asking questions.

But the man from the other side has a noble appearance, he doesn't look like a commoner at all.

The beautiful swordsman girl has expensive equipment.

A young girl with sharp eyes. A young boy and a young girl.

There are also 3 other small girls in the wagon.

No matter how you look at it, these people don't seem like someone who tried to break through the gate.

In the first place, if that was really the case, they shouldn't be waiting here until the soldiers arrived but already took some actions (repel intruders or hold the ground).

Whether those people tried to escape from the city or intrude into the city

Looks like the captain of these soldiers isn't an idiot, as expected from someone who is responsible for dealing with the emergency event.

They surrounded the wagon just to be sure, but they didn't do anything before hearing the situation.

[Who can explain the situation?] (Captain)

The captain spoke to Roland, who seems to be the superior among us.

But as I saw Roland-san had a troubled face, I decided to explain instead.

Yes, as always.

[The merchant who is the owner of this wagon is a serial "bishoujo kidnapper"!]

And the guards who are fallen here, even though they saw that the kidnapped girls were being carried out in the wagon but they still let it passed.

They seem to be the accomplices!] (Kaoru)

Well, I will not forget to emphasize the <bishoujo> part...

The surrounding people's gaze hurts, but I can't yield here.

Because the glory of <Being aimed by the Bishoujo kidnappers>, this may be the first and last time.

I won't yield it to just <kidnappers>, it must be <Bishoujo kidnappers>

[What?] (Captain)

The captain was surprised, and he looked like he just heard of a disaster report.

He probably knew that kidnapping cases were occurring frequently.

And if it was just simply that the culprit got caught, he might be appreciated it as a soldier.

People might think the soldiers are incompetent for failing to catch the criminals but that was no big deal.

However, in my explanation, it was a very serious problem.

Yes, I said <The guards were kidnappers> .

Not just one or two, but the whole six people who were in charge of guarding this gate.
This is an incredible scandal.

It will become a big problem if this news is spread.

After all, this is the place in contact with the neighboring country, it's somewhat like
the <face> of this country.

[...Are you saying that they were knocked down by the people here,
One armed man and a girl.

Even when facing 6 soldiers and escorts,

Without giving those men a chance to take the young girls as the hostage...] (captain)

[Oh, no, that's wrong] (Kaoru)

As Roland didn't give any excuses, I replied so quickly.

Anyway, the captain will demand to listen to the situation from other witnesses as
well.

It's a big problem, and it can't be done with only one testimony...

[Well, then who...?] (Captain)

[Goddess] (Kaoru)

[Huh?] (Captain)

[No, as I said, it's the power of the goddess.

In order to save these children, the goddess had punished the bad guys.

With the power of the Goddess, there was an explosion roaring sound and golden
clouds to lead her faithful servants here...

Are you all the <goddess' faithful servants> ?] (Kaoru)

[Well..., uhm.

There is no doubt that we are the faithful servant of goddess Celestine.

It's might be true that she caused that roaring explosion and golden smoke to lead us
here...] (Captain)

He is a little confused but he also seems to be proud.

It really seems so, to be called as the <goddess' faithful servants>

Anyone would be excited, it won't be just a mere achievement.

It might be more than just getting the medal or the like from the country.

[...have you seen her. The goddess...] (Captain)

[Oh, yes.

She was really beautiful.

However, her breasts... compared with the statue of the temple...

It was quite modest though...] (Kaoru)

It's not a lie. I merely omitted things.

[I... I see!] (Captain)

BONK!* (SFX)

[Gyaa!] (Kaoru)

It hurts!

Suddenly, a washtub fell from the sky on top of my head.

It looks like she was watching.

[For now, please forget about the thing I told you earlier...] (Kaoru)

The captain desperately nodded with a blue face.

As I touch the painful head, there's a bump.

Celes didn't go easy on me, because my injury can be healed with the potion.

It's not an aluminum wash basin! But a heavy Wooden basin!

She only copies things from earth halfway!

Did she hear about it from the god-senpai of the earth?

Or did she peek through the earth to look at her senpai...?

She is a goddess, chest or anything, she can change it however she wishes!

Unlike me, who get stuck with this small statue, Celes you Idiot (Bakayaro!)

...Ha ha ha.

Oh, well, it seems that the captain totally believed it, so it's okay.

[Well, could everyone come with me to the military headquarters?] (Captain)

[No, thank you!] (Kaoru)

[...Huh?] (Captain)

The captain had a blank face to as his instruction was dismissed casually.

[No, I mean, I have just seen 6 soldiers who were the accomplice of the <Bishoujo kidnappers>

I don't even know how many soldiers are their companions,
I won't follow you, because I'm not stupid] (Kaoru)

[.....] (Captain)

The captain was silent and couldn't talk back.

However, he wouldn't back down that easily because he was told so.

[Well, that's not going to do!
We have a mission, too...] (Captain)

Indeed, the soldiers couldn't mistreat those who goddess Celestine saved directly.

Therefore, the captain had a troubled face but didn't yield.

However, it's certainly would be troublesome if we were brought into the military building or the lord's mansion.

Well, I was in trouble.

What should I do... (*Kaoru's POV*)

Oh, that's right!

I could use the same method as I did before!

[Well, then would you please take me to an unobtrusive place like the square or the plaza,

I will refuse a private, secluded place because I don't know anything about you.

I don't want to spend too much time because we want to go to the next town as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you can ask us in the plaza there.

That's why please tell your boss so.

Well, we will leave before noon, so please ask us before that.

Also, please contact the families of these kidnapped children...

My family is already here...] (Kaoru)

As I said that, I pointed to Roland's

[Well, that is...] (Captain)

[Oh, if you don't want to ask, may we leave right away?] (Kaoru)

[Wait, wait! Wait!] (Captain)

The captain was in trouble and tried to stop us in a hurry.

[Because I treasure my life,
so, I definitely will not yield.

So, instead of wasting time staying here, I could use that time for the departure preparation...]

(Kaoru)

And then, the captain left after thinking for a while.
Of course, he left behind a lot of guards.
...Well, even if he didn't do that, I wouldn't deceive and run away secretly. It's true.

Oh, because he went away in hurry, he left the kidnappers behind as well.

But, all the soldiers who stayed here, are watching them.

Watching over the culprits who are rolling on the floor!

Chapter 53

Eloquent

And about an hour later.

Many soldiers were coming from the center of the city.

Maybe the captain just came with the soldiers available in the station before.

After judging that the problem was too much to handle, he reported to the higher up and dispatched the main force.

I guess he came with a great man this time...

We are standing in front of the gate, at the square for carriage checking.

There are lots of people.

No, because the story that the goddess has appeared here spread, there was no one who departs from this place.

A lot of people came from the town after listening to the rumors.

And during the waiting time, Emil and Bell returned to the inn, finished paying money, collected the baggage, and bringing Ed's group here.

So we can leave this place anytime after this.

[Are you the one who met goddess Celestine?] (Lord)

It was a man around 50 years old, he got out of the carriage that just arrived and talked in a loud voice to us.

Yes, from clothing and equipment, he is obviously the lord.

Well, that's natural.

It was a criminal act that involved the guards, that was spoken loudly in front of the people.

And the appearance of the goddess Celestine.

It would be rather weird if the lord didn't come and personally deal with this problem. If he did it poorly, it will be a big scandal that might affect the honor of the royal palace, it might spread to the neighboring countries as well.

There's no way the lord would let his subordinate to deal with a serious problem that

affects his future and the country.

[Yes, that's right] (Kaoru)

Even though the opponent is the lord of this town, I must not use polite word “de gozaimasu” like an idiot.

Roland and Francette were angry with me before.

“Even though you are falsifying your identity, we can't ignore the fact that the goddess is acting so humble before a human!”...something like that

...Especially with Francette.

Well, in the current setup, I am the daughter of a nobleman in another country.

Even when talking with a nobleman, if I am a nobleman from another country, I don't have to be humble.

I'm supposed to be a 15 years old girl even with the height of child 12 to 13 years old anyway.

[So, what do you mean, explain the circumstances!] (Lord)

Apparently, it seems the lord doesn't mind the surrounding people.

No, it is already known that the guards are the accomplices of a kidnapping organization.

So, the lord might fear the possibility of other nobles might be involved.

He chooses to avoid it by listening to the story of <descending of the goddess> instead.

In this world, everyone believes in the existence of goddess Celestine and worships her.

Sometimes she shows up and the most recent time is only about four years ago.

All the great men of each country had gathered in large numbers.

They were surprised to learn the fact about her.

Celes is rather ruthless and she might give the goddess' punishment to a country and doesn't care if she involves the unrelated people in it.

And the fact that she already punished a country that pissed her off and involved the neighboring countries as well.

There was no one in this world who has the courage to spit lies using such a goddess' name.

Including criminals.

So, my story is believed and natural.

Besides, the captain and people here also witnessed the <washtub falls from the sky>

...

That's why, although he had received a preliminary report, he still needed to confirm the fact.

And also made us explain it at this place again to appeal a large number of people. There are a lot of merchants, not only local merchants but also other territories and other countries as well.

Of course, there is also someone other than the merchant, for example, a spy from another country...

It's unlikely that the lord is involved somehow, this country banned on human traffic. He might get a death sentence, there's not enough profit to meet such a danger. He is a lord of a territory this size, he has no problem to get beautiful girls as lovers or mistresses.

So, maybe the lord really has nothing to do with the kidnapper.

So, I can just do it... to the root.

[Yes, coming from Kingdom Balmoa, We are Earl Adam's men.

I was kidnapped suddenly in this town and was imprisoned in the dungeon of a private house together with some girls.

And this morning, we were carried out to be sold as a slave...

When I asked the guards for help at the town gate, they just smirked and ignored me. While talking with the kidnappers...] (Kaoru)

[Wha... what...] (Lord)

That information has already been reported, but the lord is still surprised, it's somewhat exaggerated.

He might be a good actor.

Ah no, maybe he didn't know the victim was related to an Earl of another country.

Well, it seems a bit bad.

[...and just before being brought out of the city

The goddess was manifested and the criminals were knocked down with goddess' punishment for those <who dare to sell the cute little girls as slave!>] (Kaoru)

[So, how is the goddess doing?] (Lord)

[After talking a little to me, she descended] (Kaoru)

To the Lord's question, I responded with what I had thought in advance.

[Eh... But isn't it hasty to think the guards are the kidnappers' accomplices just because they did not notice the call for help...] (Lord)

I had already broken the barrel's lid in front of them and shouted for help loudly.
If they couldn't notice something with such degree right before their eyes,
Can the guards from the main gate of this town notice bandits and robbers that try to
sneak in and stop them?

Do you want such rumors spread?] (Kaoru)

As I said that, I looked around the surrounding crowd,
The lord is quiet, the other security guards are also quiet,
Even if there are criminals inside, the army still doesn't condemn.

[In the first place, the fact that the goddess' punishment was also fallen on security
guards, is the most reliable evidence, wasn't it?] (Kaoru)

The lord had no choice to nod too.
I don't know if the guards are guilty or not, but with this,
Other soldiers would not be able to condemn me.

[And, according to what the criminal said.
The dealer seems to be a local lord of this country or a medium-sized merchant in this
country, etc.
It seems that they don't deal with the prestigious aristocrats or big merchants]
(Kaoru)

[what...] (Lord)

Even though he was surprised, the lord's complexion had improved a little.
Well, it might be true.
If other countries or influential aristocrats, and big merchants of this country are
involved, it will become complicated.
And if he doesn't do it well, it will become an international problem or the nation's

foundation will be shaken.

And in the worst case, in order to protect the influential people, the country might dispose the local responsible person to deny all of their responsibility.

The local responsible person...

Yes, it's about this lord.

However, if the other party is just a rural lower aristocrat, an intermediate aristocrat, or a medium-sized merchant,

He can easily do what needs to be done.

He might not be able to deal with it directly but he can go through the royal palace.

And by chance, if he uncovers those aristocrats and merchants' wrongdoings in this territory.

He will be recognized as the lord of righteousness, the land of justice by the royal palace

There is even the possibility that his Majesty will remember his name.

Well, I guess he would be motivated to do it. Here comes another push.

[And I will tell you the message from the goddess Celestine] (Kaoru)

[[[[[Wh... wh... wh... what... what did you say!!]]]] (Lord + People)

Not only the lords but also the people around me all screamed.

Well, now that I think about it, of course, it is.

There aren't many papers and cardinals, or such that were giving words from the goddess.

Of course, people would be surprised that the goddess' message was given to a local lord.

However, there is no one who thinks that it's the gospel in this case.

The lord's face is also puffing a bit.

Well, then, I will go with the message time.

[Those foolish mortal who dared to kidnap girls and sold them as slaves, which is a banned action from the country.

The criminals and those who take the bribes or overlooked it. You all have the same sin.

I won't tolerate this. Heed my words.

If you don't dispose of this properly, I will dispose of them myself...

Well, something like that] (Kaoru)

[What's that?] (Lord)

The lord was shaking when asked that. It was a scary story.

[Celestine-sama is rough, she doesn't really care about each human being so much.
I guess she only cares about individuals that she liked...

That's why, when Celestine-sama says <to dispose>, it must mean to turn the manor residence where offending criminal remains or the fortified town where the roots of kidnapping organization remain into the whole sea of flame.

That's what she meant...] (Kaoru) (*T.N: Kaoru use Celestine-sama here, not Celes or Baka Celes*)

[No.....] (Lord)

The Lord becomes pale.

The surrounding soldiers and the crowd are even paler.

[W... w... w... w... w...] (Lord)

The Lord gave out a mysterious voice like a construction site.

Perhaps, what he was trying to say is <how> or <why>

Should I give him a little relief?

[There is no need to worry, as it's enough to capture and punish all the kidnappers,
the mastermind, the one who took bribery and everyone involved.

Well, let's catch every single one so that there will be no more abducting kidnappers
or slave trader...] (Kaoru)

[Yet it is, but...] (Lord)

Perhaps, he tried to say <But, if I do things bad...> ... probably.

[Tightened up the captured guys,

And as they were planning to deliver us to the buyer, you might find the buyer's information from them.

Make them talk everything about the sold slaves until now,
Also, taking back the sold children to their parents,

Maybe so...] (Kaoru)

It is an order of the goddess. If the royal palace hears of this story, they will do it with full power.

There is no room to doubt whether it's a lie.

With this many witnesses and many merchants from other countries, explosive sounds and golden clouds were heard and by people in the street.

And if the goddess became angry with the people of this country for ignoring her message.

She might <snap and destroy> not only the Lord's house and territory here but for the country itself which didn't eradicate the kidnapping case...

It is not the case that power, connection, bribery can solve.

There is no way other than catching and punishing all those involved in the kidnapping case without delay.

[Capture them, catch everyone who is rolling on the floor here and tie them up!

Absolutely don't let them escape, don't let them get harmed before they vomit everything!

Failure is forgiven... no, it will not be forgiven!] (Lord)

Yes, since the lives of all the people including himself are involved, he will be desperate, too.

[My Lord, in fact, the goddess has taught us the hideouts of the criminals.

It was shown with the red smoke column over there.

I think it's from the slum...] (Kaoru)

Yes, I placed a "souvenir" before I was taken out from that private house.

(T.N: Kaoru mean a marker)

Well, after a certain period of time, a hypnotic gas will keep coming out,
That gas is lighter than the air. (Flare smoke?)

If no-one notices and moved my souvenir, the red smoke would have risen from that house, which is the hideout with the criminals sleeping.

It's not very flashy, it's a thin smoke line, but if you try to find it, it will be somewhat easy.

This is the first time I come to this town and seeing these streets, it was impossible to guide everyone back to that house.

Not to mention I was pushed into a barrel on the wagon.

I did that so I could trace it later.

Well, it would be enough if the soldiers can capture the culprits and get the information.

[...Go, now!] (Lord)

[Yes, my Lord!] (Soldier)

A captain-like soldier who seemed to be a high-ranked soldier moved with the instructions of the lord.

He took about half of the soldiers and hurried toward the town.

When I was looking at it, I saw another group came running from the town towards here.

The group was civilians and soldiers was approaching.

...Ah, that must be the family of the kidnapped children.

Chapter 54

We are multiplying... That's not it!

The soldiers brought some civilians from the city to this place.
Yes, just as expected, they are the families of those children in the “bishoujo kidnapping case”.

[Literisa!] (Family 1)

[Saaru!] (Family 2)

[Shallize! Where is my Shallize?] (Family 3)

[Yunozato! Yunozato!!] (Family 4)

[Mother (Okaa-san)!] (Lolita 1)

[Esteemed mother (Okaa-sama)!] (Lolita 2)

There are four mothers calling for their children, but only two lolitas answer.
Yes, this isn't the first kidnapping incident,
there are many other missing children that might be the victims of these type of crime.

2 families hug their children while crying
and 2 other families searching for their children desperately,
They climbed up to the wagon that had been parked nearby, searching all the empty barrels.

The crowds were silently depressed due to the difference in light and dark.
Especially, to the 4th family who seems to be looking for a boy, judging from the name.
Although the victims were only girls of this time,
But there might be kidnapped boys before.
And he might be sold somewhere already.
Looks like the range of the investigation will need to be extended even further, maybe they can rescue him and return him to his family.

I wanted to believe so.

[...My Lord...] (Kaoru)

[I understand! I know...] (Lord)

The Lord understands what I meant with just that and replied so.
Let's believe in the lord here.

After a while, the four families returned to the city.
There are two families wrapped in a smile and laughter,
two families were down and silent.
And one lolita, about 5-6 years old, left behind alone.

[Eh...?] (Either Kaoru? Lord?)

After asking the lolita, Riette-chan, 6 years old seems to have been sold by her parents.
It's a family in the rural village, the youngest of 5 siblings.
This seems to be a common story.

And even though it was called as <being sold>, but actually it was <a long-term annual service provider> because of human trafficking is banned.
The payment is paid in advance to the parent and the service period is 80 years.
Although treatment was handled as human beings, it's still not much different from a slave.
And it seems that she was kidnapped while she was traveling with the merchant.

[...What will happen in such a case?] (Kaoru)

Even though she was sold, it would be problematic to return her to her parents.
Her family might think that she ran away, or afraid of complaints from merchants that bought her.
And, above all, because they are the kind of parents who sell their child,
They might sell her to another merchant again to get money.

[How is it?] (Lord)

If I think about it, even though I asked him, but the lord shouldn't know about such a thing.

Just as I thought, the Lord asked his subordinate to get the answer instead.

[As soon as they received the money and sign the contract,
Her parents don't have the right left to take over this child.
And even if we return her to her family...

The family that sold their children tends to repeat similar things...] (Subordinate)

[Then it's no use to return her to her parents, the poor child...] (Lord)

[Yes.

Also, even though the merchant had bought that child, but making such a lifetime contract with a child that might be ignorant of her will.

It's a suspicion close to human trafficking. But I don't mean that all of those contracts are related to human trafficking.

And then, there's no report of damage from the merchant in the last few days

Perhaps, that merchant thought that wasn't a big deal when he lost a young girl who he bought at a low price, rather than making a fuss with officials.

I think he might have leave the city already and headed to the next destination.

In other words, it would be difficult to find and deliver her to that merchant] (Subordinate)

[Then, what about this child?] (Lord)

To the question of the lord, the subordinate answered the best solution that he can think of.

[The best way for her might be putting her in an orphanage.

Such a young girl who lives without family or adult in a slum will make her die prematurely.

In the orphanage, at least she will be taken care of.

The orphanage hardly takes a new child in, but if it's an order from my Lord, there will be no problem...] (Subordinate)

Riette-chan listened to the lord and the subordinate talking.

Apparently, she seems to understand the content of the story properly.

She was trembling.

[Okay, I will write the introduction letter later...

It's a girl saved by the goddess,

I will take care of her properly at the orphanage... afterward...] (Lord)

[Please wait!] (Kaoru)

When I noticed, the words were already said before thinking.

[That child will be taken over by me!] (Kaoru)

[[[[Eeeeeehhh]]]] (Roland + Francette + Emil + Bell)

The Lord and people around me were also surprised, but the one who shouted out was, of course, my companions, including Roland.

[Kaoru-sama, it won't be good!] (Francette)

[I also thought it's impossible...] (Roland)

Francette and Roland said so.

Emil and Bell raised their surprise voice but said nothing about my decision.

Is that natural?

Because for the two of them, I am [the goddess who they devote absolute loyalty]

Although recently, it seems to be a bit heavy...

[Are there any questions?] (Kaoru)

I asked the Lord, and the Subordinate while facing them.

There should be no problem if the involved people don't have the right about her.

Intimidation? No, no, it is only my expression of free will.

[...There's no problem.

It can be considered that the merchant already abandoned his right to this girl.

Even he bought this girl, but he also had his obligation to this girl as well.

As the act of kidnapping happened, the merchant must at least report to the soldiers or have some means to help this child out.

A contract will be breached either due to abuse or obligation failure.

Even though the kidnapping case was solved by the power of the goddess, but you are the person who helped her out not the merchant, the merchant could no longer claim any rights to this girl.

After that, it is only a matter of which this girl who already got her freedom to choose...

Whether going back to her parents, going to an orphanage, living in a slum, choosing another way of life,... or going with you.

And I don't recommend parents and the slum for this girl] (Subordinate)

The Subordinate explained so, and the lord also nodded.

[...what will you do?] (Kaoru)

So I asked the girl, no, the young girl who was 6 years old,
Riette-chan caught up and clung to my legs at once.

[I want to go together!] (Riette)

Alright, welcome aboard cute lolita!

With this, I can show off to the two couples, I don't have to feel lonely!

[Well, that's it!] (Kaoru)

[What do you mean by that!?] (Francette)

Francette protested through.

And I don't think just words can be useful in such a case.
I need some official document as proof.

In preparation for the emergency, I asked the Lord to prove Riette-chan's identity.
That is the brief history of this time, accepting Riette-chan as a free civilian from this territory.

And write it all on a document with his signature.

Paper and writing instruments were offered by me.

Of course, the person who wrote the text was the Subordinate and the Lord just signed it.

Normally, the lord won't bother to prepare or sign such document.

I don't know if he pitied Riette-chan, or was worried if there was anything wrong with treating the girl who was saved by the goddess...

There's no need to think, it's absolutely the latter.

You can bet one gold coin.

Perhaps, there's no-one who will accept such a bet.

But with this, if I meet the merchant who bought Riette-chan, there's nothing to worry. If he demands to hand over Riette-chan, I will present this document and call out the authorities with a big fuss.

And if I say something like we are going to check if his contract is related to human traffic, he will not dare to involve with us anymore.

Also, even if I meet Riette-chan's parents, they will never dare forcibly taking her back unless Riette-chan wants it.

They already sold her for money.

On the contrary, I have the right to ask them to return the 80 years wage of Riette-chan to Riette-chan herself.

Because the person who should get that money is Riette-chan herself, not her parents. If I use it, I will easily drive them away.

And if they really did something wrong, they would become the criminal slaves for human trafficking.

They would definitely want to avoid making a fuss with a government official.

...If Riette-chan wants to go back to her parents?

That time, it's her own freedom.

Nobody can force another person's life.

[Well then, I will excuse myself] (Kaoru)

[Wait, wait! Wait for a second!] (Lord)

The errands were over, so I decided to depart quickly, but the lord retained me.

Well, I guess so. I will stay for a while.

And although the text was written by the subordinate, the Lord himself still didn't mind the trouble to sign the document at such a place.

I'm thankful for him, so I don't mind staying here for a while...

Chapter 55

New equipment.

“I’m a carriage drawing house!”

[What is it, I wonder?] (Kaoru)

As I asked, the Lord straightened his back, tightened his face, and said to Roland, not to me.

[I would like to invite you to the manor horse, wouldn’t you like to have break after your hard work?] (Lord)

The Lord up until now was still talking like a superior, but right now, I felt that his tone became polite.

Well, we called ourselves as the Earl’s men,
but even if he mistook that, we are still only the Earl’s children.

But the Lord, who is the head of the horse, is higher social rank than us.
Besides, this is his territory.

We also are not embassies who came for a courtesy visit, that made he responded to a younger person with humble attitude.

Moreover, we had bothered him with the kidnapper and the guards, the manifestation of the goddess, both are a major incident.

For the Lord to suddenly have a polite way of speaking.

Yes, there are reasons to do so.

He had a favor to ask of me, a beautiful noble girl from another country, who was kidnapped, witnessed the goddess manifestation, talked with the goddess, and relayed the goddess’ words.

Yeah, I’m a <Bishoujo>

The <Bishoujo> kidnappers have proved it.

By the way, it’s not an abbreviation for <a girl with a little beauty> but <a beautiful young girl> !

Well, the Lord might want to use this chance well.

There is a possibility that it can be used as a trump card for something later...

Roland looked towards me, so I became the person who replied again.

[No, I'm in a hurry for traveling...

I only saw the goddess for a short time, and I already said all the words of the goddess...]] (Kaoru)

Regarding kidnapping and the goddess' case, the Lord thought it was natural for me to reply as I was present at the scene.

However, regarding everyone's future actions, the lord, of course, thought that Roland had the right to decide.

So when he saw Roland, who looked at me to ask what we would do and I was the one replying, he was surprised with his eyes opened wide.

Well, maybe he thought he made a big mistake trying to persuade Roland while ignoring what I say or something.

[Ah, that's right, among us, I'm the one who has the final say on things.

My esteemed brother has been asked by our esteemed father to be my escort,

And also, from old days, my esteemed brother could never go against me.

O ho ho ho... (Blonde Noble girl laugh)] (Kaoru)

Everyone decided beforehand with such a setting, even Roland also agreed.

And, the lord looked even more surprised but he was still convinced.

Yeah, noblemen, there are many cases where they often dote on their sister (Sis-con), That kind of thing is never a rare story.

[No, I wasn't implying that...

I just want to ask more about the kidnappers, and the word of the goddess,

I want to check it again.

Also, are you planning to travel around our country?

I can teach you various things about our country...]] (Lord)

Now, a strike prepared by the Lord as I anticipated this could happen.

[No, I was bored (having so much free time?) while I was waiting for my Lord, so I've written down all the words from the goddess and the kidnapper group. Besides, if I learn everything about this country, the enjoyment of this trip will be gone. I think that I want to experience and learn it slowly by myself.

Otherwise, I can't study anything from this trip] (Kaoru)

As I said so, I offered several sheets of paper to the Lord.

Of course, paper and writing instruments are constantly put in large quantities in the item box.

Ah, as I was afraid of the criminal's death,

I wrote properly the instruction of the goddess not to perform unreasonable torture, extortion of confession, punishment for innocent people, etc.

Otherwise, it would be outrageous.

[Huh...?] (Lord)

The Lord opened his mouth wide while reflexively receiving the paper I pressed on him.

[Please excuse me!] (Kaoru)

When I said so, the Lord wasn't able to speak anything and his brain couldn't keep up with the sudden turn of event.

And after I put Riette-chan on Ed, I got on Ed who had been waiting by my side.

Ed had properly paid attention and lowered his posture beforehand.

[Hiyo, Silver!] (Kaoru)

[Like I said, whose name is that!?] (Ed)

As usual, Ed complains unpleasantly.

And contrary to his retort, Ed slowly started walking.

Even though I alone may ride with fast speed, but right now, I'm riding with Riette-chan, who are on the first time riding on a horse without decent riding equipment.

And after I start riding, Francette and everyone are also riding in a hurry to follow after me.

[Ehh, wait...] (Lord)

The Lord hurriedly tried to stop us, but it was already too late.

[Well, for capture and punishment of kidnappers and stakeholders, please do your best

And, ~ Please be careful not to anger the goddess~!] (Kaoru)

As I looked back and shouted so, the Lord hurriedly instructed his men and other people also began shouting something.

Anyway, it was too risky for us.

Just thinking, a party with the children of a nobleman from another country, a remarkable son, and a proud daughter who was loved by her family.

And one of the four girls who got helped from the goddess that doesn't seem to care about the destiny of each human being.

There must be something about them more than it seems

It's scary.

It's too scary.

[Kaoru-chan, why did you do such a frustrating thing?

If you want to make a name for the goddess

Saying Kaoru-chan was an angel from the beginning would be easier...]

(Francette)

When we were a little away from the town gate, Francette came closer to me asking. Francette, after various changes, she seems finally able to call me as <Kaoru-chan>

Unlike Emil and Bell, she can hardly change the way she called me until now.

Well, it's (normal) average to call your fiance's sister so.

Depending on the situation, I should call her <Francette> or omitting <Fran>

Well, although the way she called my name is nice, I can't accept the content of her question.

[No, no, if we do such a thing, they will become more persistent.

They might follow us after our departure, spread the news to other people.

Since it would become troublesome!] (Kaoru)

[Ah...] (Francette)

It seems like Francette wanted others to worship me, although she never speaks about me as "a goddess"

But she still wanted to advertise me as "an angel"

As expected, it was bad.

...It is almost time.

[Ed, I have a small request to ask of you...] (Kaoru)

[What was that...

Young miss is my savior,
I will listen to everything you say!] (Ed)

[Thanks! Actually, I'd like you to draw a carriage...] (Kaoru)

[No, don't be silly!!] (Ed)

Ed is furious.

...It's different with what you just said!

[I am a venerable horse!

My kind is an elite horse for flourishing battle! We are the elite who grew up on a dedicated ranch just like the royal horses.

Well, if you treat me like an average horse...

Even though young miss is my benefactor, I still can't forgive it] (Ed)

He is seriously angry...

His wife and daughter are also having an unpleasant face.

Is this so important for horses...?

Maybe it was like pilots of fighter aircraft and pilots of transport aircraft?

I think both are equally important...

Oh, but the other two horses are not related to this, right?

[But this is not related to the horses ridden by Roland and Francette] (Kaoru)

[Huh?] (Ed)

[It's only Ed who will draw the carriage] (Kaoru)

[Eeeehhh!] (Ed)

Ed is even more shocked.

[Hah? Only me?

Only I will become an average horse, and you want me to draw the carriage alone?]

(Ed)

Roland's and Francette's horses also looked at Ed with a pitying eye.

[But, Even though it might be fine for me, I think that riding on a horse will be painful for Riette-chan...] (Kaoru)

[Uu...] (Ed)

Yes, a long journey on a horse was hard for a young 6 years old girl.

Instead of having a sophisticated saddle like the modern earth, in this world, we put a covering cloth on the horse's back or laying the cushion on it

And we just tied with a rope or a belt so as not to fall off.

Even so, the rope and belt are just for me, Riette-chan is just hugging me.

The risk of falling from the horse is quite high.

Besides, her buttocks, hips, and crotch will be hurt as well.

Until I finally get used to it, the vibration were strange as well.

Even now, I already get accustomed a little, I still find it pretty hard to ride horse for a long journey.

[But, but...] (Ed)

In order to convince Ed, there is no choice but to pull out the actual thing.

[Everyone, temporarily stop!] (Kaoru)

Well now, how will I convince Ed...?

Chapter 56

Chariot

[Come on out, Goddess' Chariot!] (Kaoru)

A small Chariot appeared with my spell.

No, it's a <Container of the potion, shaped like a horse-drawn carriage>

There is a small container inside the chariot that is properly filled with potion.

It's four wheels, but it's very small.

Yes, this is not an ordinary carriage but a series called Chariot, a battle carriage, commonly known as <Chariot>

It's not the ultra-compact type that appears in the movie <Ben Hur> but a four-wheel type that somewhat larger in Chariot series.

However, of course, it's very small compared to a normal carriage.

And its material is specially made, mainly using Titanium and FRP (fiber reinforced plastic)

Titanium.

The cost (per unit weight) performance (strength to be obtained) is very high, it's the 9th largest among the elements constituting the earth, and it's the main component of Rutile and Titanite which are everywhere minerals.

Although it exists abundantly, it's difficult to smelt because it's low in a matter of integration, so it has a long history before it began to be widely used as alloy in the earth. (*ED: Titanium has an insanely high melting point, so most of the time in history it was considered as useless metal due to people being unable to refine it*)

And FRP.

It boasts the greatest strength among lightweight plastics, it's an encouraging material used for ships, aircraft, and racing cars.

If it gets damaged, it will be difficult to repair it in this world, but that doesn't matter to me.

I just need to push it into a corner of an item box with infinite capacity and create a new one.

And I can also use it for some sort of material.

[Th-This is...] (Ed)

Ed and everyone else (human and horse) looked at it with their pupil dilated. Everyone (human) is somewhat accustomed to me taking out various things from the item box.

And with these members, I'm not a <human being who is the friend of the goddess Celestine> but <a friend of Celestine, another goddess>

Because they saw me as a goddess, I thought that they would not be surprised by such a thing now.

But looks like pulling a carriage out of nowhere is still too much that it made everyone surprised.

Although Chariot is normally a small two-wheels carriage, this one is a four-wheels type.

With only two wheels, the front-back direction won't be stable, the angle of elevation fluctuates etc. so I made it a four-wheels one.

There is no roof, the side part also had the height to around the chest level to prevent falling, above it was completely open.

There is an acrylic windshield in the front.

Although the wheels are made large to improve the running performance, nearly half of the wheels overlap in the lateral direction, the rear wheels slightly protrude outward to miniaturize the car body.

In addition, although the seat is made in a high position to make it easy for me to talk with other cavalries while running.

In an emergency, the seat can be lowered down with a single lever and the titanium-made from the rear stretched along the top of the side part

It's designed to cover the rider like a shutter.

[Not only that...] (Kaoru)

Leaving Francette's group dumbfounded in the vicinity, I operate a certain lever...

Ga shan! (SFX)

A total of four double-edged swords popped out, the left and right side of the horse-drawn carriage has two swords appeared.

[[[[[[Huh...!?]]]]] (Everyone)

[This is not just a carriage which doesn't have fighting power in itself.

This is a <Chariot>, it's a horse-drawn carriage that fight by itself.

It's not called as <chariot> because it carries warriors.

The protagonist of the battle isn't the person who is riding but the horse-drawn carriage and the horse] (Kaoru)

While saying so, I pulled the carriage lightly and showed the lightness of the car's weight.

Open top, fearless silhouette.

Compact and light car weight.

With this, it's not <military horses> but the <fighting horse> that fighting by themselves.

[A horse that's pulling a battle carriage of the goddess.

As the goddess' horse, your name will remain in future generations...] (Kaoru)

[Let me undertake it!] (Roland's Royal house)

[Huh?]

Cutting my words halfway, the horse that Roland was riding desperately talked.

[Ed-san, If you don't like it, that role, I will accept it.

Ed-san can carry my master in my stead] (Roland's Royal horse)

[No, I will accept it.

I think that it would be better for Ed to take my master Francette who is much lighter than Roland, you might enjoy it] (Francette's Royal horse)

[Huh...!?] (Ed)

Even the horse rode by Francette said so. Ed was taken aback.
The two horses who are proud as the Royal horses exclusive for Roland and Francette.
Even though Ed is only a little older but they have always shown respect to Ed, which
is a horse ridden by the goddess, and Ed's family...
Perhaps they might be aiming for Ed's daughter.

But now, it's an interesting position, it's not just <the riding horse of the goddess> but
the <Goddess' battle horse> that's pulling the <Goddess' Chariot> itself.
I saw this as a chance and played along with another push.

[Well... I wonder what I should do
...If Ed doesn't like, I wonder if I should ask the other horse.
Roland, Francette, is that okay?] (Kaoru)

[No, even if you suddenly ask me if it's okay.
I was only hearing you said "blah blah blah" with the horses,
I don't understand anything at all...] (Roland)

What Roland says is true.
People other than Kaoru can't understand horse's words.

[Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait for a moment!] (Ed)

Ed is in a panic.
However, I promptly talked about it.

[Well, which one should I ask...?] (Kaoru)

[I'm telling you to wait!] (Ed)

Ed shouted desperately.
Hmm, this is funny.

And, a chariot with the blade retracted, no, it's in the normal state, let's call it a
carriage.
If I was asked by someone who knows the performance of this carriage, it would be a
source of trouble.

Anyway, Ed was pulling that carriage in a good mood.
All the horses now know I'm a goddess (setting).
Because they are now aware of it, they also hoped to share information with other horses...
Anyway, there's no worry that information will leak from horses.

Nevertheless, Ed seems to not conscious of being a goddess' riding horse.
He only helped me because I was a benefactor of his life.
He didn't forget the grace of purchasing a stable and getting a wife for him.
He was proud of his position and he definitely didn't allow it to be robbed because that position is now also recognized by other horses.
Even though they are the royal horses, with such a prestigious position, their thought will surely chance.

[It's lighter than I thought.
Young miss, does this chariot have enough strength?
If I hit the enemy with fast speed, it might break then...] (Ed)

[It will be okay, even though it's much lighter than steel but it's made from a material that is much stronger than wood.
It will not break easily...
Well, think of it as a metal of the goddess...]

[Really. then, do you want to go faster...?] (Ed)

Compared to other carriages, it is much lighter.
Well, with a horse-drawn carriage pulled only by one horse, I must at least do that.

As I keep talking to Ed, Riette-chan is looking at me with an awed face.
Well, if the person who would take care of her from now on is discussing "blah blah blah" with a horse, it's reasonable to become uneasy.
Because everyone doesn't want to leave their future to strange people.
She might accept me at that time, but did she regret it now?
This is bad, I must deal with it as soon as possible!

[Ah, uhm... this is...] (Kaoru)

[It's amazing (~desu)!
You can talk with the horses (~n desu ne)!] (Riette)

Well, she wasn't worried, just being surprised.

That's right.

Because she will be going with us from now on,
it will be better to explain my goddess setting.

It will be troublesome if she knows at a strange timing and makes noise when there
are other people nearby.

Well then, how do I explain this...

Chapter 57

The Fanatics are on time

[Eeeeehhh!] (Riette)

Well, even if I explained it normally, Riette-chan was still surprised.

[Ka... Kaoru-sama is a Goddess?

No, since you helped me and even took me in, to me, you were already a goddess,
But I didn't know you were a genuine goddess!] (Riette)

Riette-chan's eyes were shimmering with glitter.

...This is bad. This is certainly <that>

This is how Emil and Bell looked at me.

Yes, it is <the eyes of fanatics>

Two zealots are enough!

I don't want a third zealot.

What I wanted was a healing lolita.

Yes, a healing lolita!

[Riette-chan, this is a secret.

I told you about this because I thought that Riette-chan was a child who could keep a secret or promise and you would never talk to other people about it.

Everyone here already knows about it so it's okay.

However, don't speak about this even when there is no other person because I don't know if there are people nearby that might listened to it.

For now, I am portrayed as Roland's little sister, just a noble's daughter] (Kaoru)

[But, that's awful...] (Riette)

It is useless even if I ask a lolita for political consideration...

When I thought so, Francette gave me a helping hand.

[Riette-chan.

If Riette-chan is a goddess, everyone is always fascinating and respectful toward you,

and no-one ever talks with you like normal,
will every day be fun?] (Francette)

[...Uu] (Riette)

[And every day, a lot of aristocrats and rich people would come, ask you to fulfill their
wish,
No, they would make a fuss about who would get their wish first,
Is it fun?] (Francette)

[...Uuu] (Riette)

[Well, then you know what to do?] (Francette)

[Un!] (Riette)

As expected of Francette, truly a wisdom of age!
Her mental age is actually already 30!
...Her physical age is only 20 years because 5 years ago, I turned her to 15 years old.
But, to put it that way, my mental age should be 26 years old when my body age is 19
years old

However, I will remain as an eternal 15 years old...

Well, let's not think too much about this.
Anyway, with this, Riette-chan speaks normally with me now.
Okay, I will have my healing time...

[Kaoru-sama, please order me however you want!] (Riette)

Eh?

[How...? Why...? Didn't you just agree that you would not treat me like a goddess...?] (Kaoru)

[Yes. Even so, as a commoner, I must treat the lady of an aristocrat with respect...] (Riette)

Ah yes, that's right!

I completely forgot.
Riette-chan is a commoner.
When I'm a noble lady.
We can't have an equal relationship!
How... How can I have a healing time...?

[...I get it, imouto! Riette-chan from now on will be my imouto!] (Kaoru)

[Eeehh!] (Riette)

Even Riette doesn't look like a daughter of a noble, she looks just like Emil and Bell.
But let just say that she is a child of my noble father with a maid-servant,
Yes, and our sisters are very close!
That's it!!

[And that's it!] (Kaoru)

I shouted loudly to everyone around the carriage.
Roland and Francette were surprised and didn't expect that to do retort at all.
Emil and Bell can't oppose me.

Well, Riette-chan is decided to be my sister.
It has nothing to do with the will of the person herself.

And after staying one night in a small town, and one-night camping, we reached a town.
I didn't intend to stay long in that town back then because it's near the border,
However, we are already pretty far from the border, we don't need to worry about pursuer from the Brancott Kingdom any longer.

So from now on, we can afford to stay longer in any town,
It's for my original purpose.
It's a journey that I don't need to hurry.

[We will stay in this town for a while] (Kaoru)

Before going into the city, I stop and talk with everyone beforehand.

[Onee-chan, do you have something to do here?] (Riette)

Riette-chan asked so while tilting her head.

...Ah, it's so cute!

Yes, the way Riette-chan calling me will be decided as <Onee-chan> from now on.

When we need to disguise toward other people, it will be Kaoru-onee-chan.

When there are only the two of us, it will be just <Onee-chan>

Actually there's no need to worry about that, Bell and Francette are always called as <Bell-nee-chan> and <Fran-nee-chan>

...Why don't they have [o] attached to them?

Well, that does not matter.

(T.N: [o] is show respect, just like EN [Oh mighty goddess])

[Yeah, it's an important mission of searching for a marriage partner, which is the purpose of my trip...] (Kaoru)

[Eh?] (Riette)

Riette-chan's surprised voice cut my words halfway even though I am still speaking.

Well, it must be surprising that the goddess is looking for a human companion.

[There are a lot of brothers and sisters who intimidate any man who dares to get close to their sister,

And are there any men who dare to come and visit the daughter of an aristocratic that stays in the inn?

There's no opportunity to become friendly with men, is there?]

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[...I DIDN'T NOTICE IT AT ALL!!] (Kaoru)

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[That's why, it's a strategy change] (Kaoru)

I have to explain the new strategy to everyone.

[It turned out that being portrayed as a noble's daughter will hinder with my marriage.
The common men won't dare to get friendly with me at all
And I also can't go out with a noble when I'm actually not a noble's daughter.
Regardless of that, Earl Adam agreed for me to use his name,
even though I can be called as <Earl Adam's men> I'm no aristocrat...] (Kaoru)

Roland cut my words halfway when I said so.

[In addition to my position as a royal family member, I also have a rank as a duke,
Francette also has been granted a rank with the recognition of her achievement in war.
In the sense, we are a group of aristocrats, it's not a misrepresentation] (Roland)

[So, Kaoru can't say that you are not a noblewoman,
If I reveal my status when you are portrayed as my sister, it's not wrong to say you are
a noble...
It has the same meaning as <brother in law>
Also, as I have said many times before, if Kaoru wants, just say a word,
I will immediately contact the National government and give you a rank.
Earl, no, how about a Marquis?] (Roland)

Yes, it is normal for royalty to have several distinctions for convenience.
It's useful not only as a royalty but also when strolling as a nobleman,
When it's necessary to use a pseudonym, no pseudonym, a pseudonym, or when
leaving a royal family register.

And Francette was also given a rank.

But even she wasn't given a rank, she was still the Great Hero of the Kingdom and the
goddess' guardian who was given the goddess' sword.

There's no one who dares to oppose her marriage with Roland

[...No thanks] (Kaoru)

However, I declined that proposal by Roland on a prompt decision.
After that fight, no, the descent of the goddess Celes,
The Royal Palace has kept trying to grant me a rank many times, but I refuse every
time.

Roland also keep repeating it every time.

Well, if he makes me a noble of his country,
I will become a citizen of Balmoa Kingdom,
a citizen of his Majesty the King of Balmoa Kingdom,
Was that what he wanted to do?

I guess I don't think they will try to order me or something,
But that will make me belong to the Royalty of Balmoa Kingdom,
It can be a powerful card for other countries.

[Well, if you ever want a rank, just say the word, because it only takes about 3 minutes for the Royal Palace to ready the necessary document] (Roland)

Eh, was he pre-ordered so that I could be awarded anytime?

However, rejected. It will be troublesome.
If I got a rank, I would be bound by my status, my position, my citizens,
and I wasn't obliged to be carried on various things.

But I want to live happily and freely!
Well, I turn it down, I concluded.

[So, from now on I would like to take separate action] (Kaoru)

[[[[Eeeeehhh!!]]]] (Roland + Francette + Emil + Bell)

Eh, is it really that surprising?

[If you do that,
I can not disturb the marriage of Kaoru with other people...
Ah... nothing...] (Roland)

Unintentionally, Roland said out loud what he thought but stop halfway.

[...What did you just say, what did you say?] (Kaoru)

Looks like I have an enemy among friends!!

Chapter 58

New structure

Not only Roland but also Francette, Emil, and Bell are also against it as well.
Is that natural?

And, Riette-chan hits my chest with watery eyes.
Because there are no cushions, it hurts a bit...
...Ah, shut up!

[Ah, of course, Riette-chan is coming with me] (Kaoru)

[I agree! Let's take separate action!] (Riette)

Her palm return to a “raised hand”
This lolita is pretty amazing...

[I can't agree with such a thing!
Just the day before, you were kidnapped easily!] (Roland)

Roland protested by saying so.

[The fact I got caught was actually on purpose, in order to save the victims and destroy
both kidnappers and accomplices.
At that time, did I get helped by you?
Did you take care of anything at all?] (Kaoru)

[Uuu...] (Roland)

Yes, I can easily reveal it.
Anyway, if I insist that I am a goddess, I won't fall into any crisis, Roland can't refute.
The other three, Francette, Emil, and Bell are in trouble.
They may respect and swear loyalty to me, but they won't listen to my instruction if
it's is against their desire to be with me.
Well... sorry.

[Then, all of us are supposed to pretend to be a commoner?] (Either Roland or Francette)

[In any case, Roland can't be seen as a commoner.
If you talk with anyone for a little while, they will realize right away,
You mostly only have the knowledge as a royal family...
Furthermore, if you are pretending to be a commoner,
It will be unnatural to have a sword all the time while you aren't a soldier or a hired escort.
It's also unnatural that I, a commoner, was escorted by you.
Anyway, when Roland is with me, you will have a bad influence on my marriage.
In various meanings...] (Kaoru)

Yes, Roland is a handsome guy, many people will misunderstand,
He isn't a <sorry man> like that Prince who only has <a nice face>
He is full of the original meaning of an <Ikemen>, the overall appeal of a man.
If such a man always sticks near me, then no man will dare to come...

[Besides, I am not saying <Please go back to your country>
No, actually, I do not mind even if you return home] (Kaoru)

[Eh, then...] (Roland)

[Yeah, we will stop the "brother and sister" setting,
I should consider another setting] (Kaoru)

[[[Please leave it to us!]]] (Fran + Emil + Bell)

Three people raised their voice, Emil, Bell, Francette.

[We don't have any problem to be with you, because we are commoners] (Emil)

Bell nodded in the words of Emil.

[Roland-sama is unnatural,
but since I was originally a commoner,
I should have no problem to be with Kaoru-chan!] (Francette)

[Eh...!?] (Roland?)

[What... Fr... Fran, that is...] (Roland)

Roland can't hide upsetting with the sudden betrayal of Francette.

[I already vowed my loyalty to Kaoru-sa... -chan. Isn't that obvious?] (Francette)

Roland knows well about it and on his knees.

And you rephrased, Fran. When you changed <sama> to <chan>
There will be no persuade in the word <swear loyalty>

And the setting conference was held in a quiet manner with five people including me,
leaving Roland burned out in the pure white dust.

[After all, it will be dangerous if there are only people who look like children.
It's absolutely necessary to have an adult here] (Francette)

[Even if you say you are an adult, Francette is 15 to 16 years old,
No matter how people look at us, they might still think that I am older,
So, I do not think there will be any change even when you are staying.
I'm already 16 years old and a fine adult,
And if we need wisdom as a senior citizen, Kaoru alone is enough,
But I don't mean that it's better when Fran-nee-san isn't here] (Emil)

[Uuuu...] (Francette)

Francette can't reply a word to Emil.

[We will act with Kaoru-chan,
we will take care of Kaoru-chan,
and if we can't be a shield for her then there's no worth in our existence] (Bell)

Hey, hey, Bell, that is a bit heavy, no, it's too heavy...

[Well, if I only go alone with Riette-chan,
It might be a bit worrisome...] (Kaoru)

Actually, I don't have any problem,
but they wouldn't let it go if I went alone with only Riette-chan.

I don't want to stay here and keep arguing again...

[Then, going with us!] (Bell)

I gulped and nodded with Bell.

[I will be in your care then] (Kaoru)

[[[Yes!]]] (Francette + Emil + Bell)

Three voices that raised together clearly.

[Ah, Fran will take separate action] (Kaoru)

[Eeeeeeee!] (Francette)

Fran raised her voice.

[...Because, if you leave him alone, it will be too pitiful...] (Kaoru)

As I said that, I pointed to Roland.

Fran was now (いまいま: "ima ima") staring at Roland strangely (いまいま: "ima ima") (T.N: a pun)

No, Fran, he is a great Royalty.

You really should respect him more!

When you came to report to me that you were proposed,

I was pleased, I felt like a school girl who applied for marriage to a super idol!

What's now? Return my enthusiasm...

[Roland alone can't do anything,
because he was always taken care of by someone else like changing clothes,
connecting shoelaces...] (Kaoru)

[I can do it by myself!] (Roland)

Roland protested loudly and cut off my words.

After a while, we have a conclusion.

I, Riette-chan, Emile, Bell are four brothers sister, I'm the second daughter.
We decided to set up that Roland and the Francette are just some acquaintances,
friends who are not related to us, happen to stay in the same accommodation.

[In truth, I'd like Roland and Francette to be a different inn,
somehow, I think it...] (Kaoru)

[It already decided! Please don't complain anymore!] (Francette)

Francette always listens to what I say,
But it seems she absolutely will not give up here,
She speaks with a strong tone.

Well, it can't be helped...

[Well, let's go separately.
You will go apart from us, and don't speak to us,
Don't behave like "BORO", especially Roland!] (Kaoru)

(ボロ Boro: don't know if FUNA sensei really means "Worn out and useless cloth"
But from the situation, maybe it means like: someone who lacks common sense and ability to read
the mood but try to act like they understand it)

As I said that to Roland and Francette who had dissatisfied faces,
I proceeded to the city with Riette-chan, Emil, Bell.

Ah, of course, the Chariot is stored in the item box,
I and Riette-chan are riding slowly on Ed.
It will be difficult to get into an inn with such a carriage.

And together us who move slowly, Emil and Bell accompanying slightly behind us on
the left and right accordingly.
Of course, it was for surrounding vigilance and the position to protect us immediately
if something happens.

As for Ed, it's not good when his wife and daughter are in the position to protect him
But he can't argue because he carried me, the one with the highest priority.

And they understood it properly.

[I'm sorry] (Kaoru)

[Well, it's my job, It can't be helped] (Ed)

I was surprised at Ed's reply to my words that casually murmured.

No, I wasn't surprised, because Ed really read the meaning of my words.

...It was a job...

I wonder if horses have such concepts like occupations, salaries, etc...

And when I went ahead from the Roland about 50 meters into the city. As I headed to the city center where there might be an inn, I encountered it.

[Kyaa!] (Young girl)

It was a horse-drawn carriage. When it tried to park in front of a shop,

It was hitting a young girl.

Even though it just slightly hits the girl, there are metal parts on the carriage,

The girl was hit, fell on a cobblestone and groaning.

She seems to be still conscious, but her stomach seems bad, I wonder if she has a broken bone or internal injury.

It might be serious, she was struck by a horse-drawn carriage and fell stone pavement after all.

It seems that she got some bruises and scratches on her cheeks.

[Ed!] (Kaoru)

[Yes!] (Ed)

Ed is hurried walking close to the girl and lowering his posture.

I got down with Riette-chan, left Riette-chan standing up there and took out the healing potion from the item box.

No, when I create it on the spot, it will emerge from nothing, so the impact is decadent. On that point, when I take out from the item box, it will be taken out from a place you can not see somewhere, the impact will be somewhat...

Sorry, it will not change much.

[Drink!] (Kaoru)

The girl who seemed to still have her consciousness,
Because of the pain and confusion, she didn't think much, reflexively received the potion I gave and drank it as it was.
And it will disappear instantly, her pain and scar.

[Eh...!?] (Young girl)

[You are okay now, I think that the injury has healed, but the clothes are torn a bit...] (Kaoru)

The surrounding is making a fuss.
And I can hear from people's words, "miracles, goddesses etc..."

Not good. This isn't good!
I carelessly do something like the habit of the last 4 years!
After the descent, in the Capital of the Kingdom of Balmoa, Gurua, I kept doing that almost everywhere because I already reveal the ability to make the potion.

Because I kept living such a life for 4 years, when I look at an injured child, I get a habit of cure with potion without thinking deeply, almost reflexively...
But when I do it here.

[You, you... who on earth are you!] (Noble-like Middle age man)

And a middle-aged man like a nobility came down from the carriage who was somewhat scared said so!

[Ed!] (Kaoru)

[Yes, coming!] (Ed)

We have a long relationship that makes us understanding fast. I jumped on Ed's back, who lowered his posture.
Of course, I didn't forget to put Riette-chan before me.

[Escape!] (Kaoru)

[Yes!] (Ed)

Although it's far less comfortable than the latest equipment of the modern earth, the saddle.

It's still attached to the horse properly.

And I get away from the scene at the maximum speed that Riette-chan can handle!

Of course, Emil and Bell are also coming after.

Roland and Francette saw an irrelevant swing, keep track of us at an interval.

Maybe they somewhat look like pursuers.

There are noises and cries in the back, but I don't know anything.

Now I just want to leave this place as soon as possible!

If I do not hurry, there might be some pursuers coming after us.

After running a bit far from the city, we stop temporarily at the place where there are no eye-catching points.

And I pull out the chariot from storage.

I mean, if I put this carriage, it will give extra information.

And then I attached it to Ed, holding Riette-chan and putting her on the chariot together with me.

With this, we can run at full speed.

If it's Ed, who has dramatically increased muscle strength after drinking potions many times, there will be no horse that can catch up.

Besides, the people back there only see my figure for a moment, and it's 3 horses that ran away.

It's not a horse-drawn carriage and four horses cavalry escorting it.

[Okay, we are leaving!] (Kaoru)

Roland rode the horse close to us again because we already got into a carriage (end of setting)

[...Perfect setting... whoever looks at the public] (Roland)

Uuuu...

[“Don’t behave like a boro, especially Roland!”...] (Roland)
(T.N: As you can see, when Roland repeats this, everyone is laughing)

Uuuu...

[Fu... Fu ha ha!] (Roland)

UUUUUUUU...

[Fu ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!] (Roland)

[Ha ha ha...] (Francette)

Francette also joined in...

[[[[Ahahahahaha!]]]] (Roland + Francette + Emil + Bell)

Bell and Emile, you too...

Come on, damn it!!

Chapter 59

Repartition

A few days from then.

We moved southward from kingdom “Doriszate” and moved to the neighboring kingdom “Jusral”

We have moved east from Balmoa, the starting place, to the Kingdom Brancott and then to kingdom Doriszate, but...

...Well, the lower aristocrat might not know the exact information anyway.
As for the upper one, I think that it will be a matter of securing us like <welcome to our country and enjoy your stay> instead of captivity,
but I want to withhold that kind of thing.

So, in order to get out of the domestic country early, our course was changed to the inland part of the continent, which is the direction of travel so far. And that isn't to the east, but to the south near the border.

This country, the kingdom Jusral, is a neighbor Doriszate,
and of course, it's also a neighbor of the Kingdom Brancott.

Well anyway, this country is safe because the pursues won't be able to reach us in this country.

[This time, we have a strategy change. We will go as described from the other day!]
(Kaoru)

Yes, last time, I got a bad story setting because I must think about it immediately on the spot.

If I stayed in the inn, I wouldn't be friends with anyone.

To think about it, even if I work somewhere, it's obviously unnatural that I could stay in a high-priced inn.

Usually, people like that would rent a cheap room or have live-in work.

Especially for me, who seems to be an underage girl...

Besides, at this age,...

No, it's not about my actual real age.

Anyhow at this age, a young girl should do simple work throughout the day mixed with real children.

I remembered it, so I am intrigued.

What would I do when I came to this world?

Yes, <with the “cheat ability”, I will have a happy and relaxed life>

And I decided to open a <Potion shop> back then.

As I knew that there was no magical medicine in this world, I gave up once, a dream to own a potion shop.

However, as I have a history with this world for the past 4 and a half, I mentally become a 27-year-old lady, I get some common sense now.

So, instead of a shop selling <drugs with miracle effect>, I can make a shop selling <the medicine with average (normal) effect that people might sell normally>

There will be no problem at all.

A medicine store operated by a young girl and a lolita.

We will rent a small shop and sells medicines that work well within the range of common sense at a conscientious price.

Yes, <Atelier Kaoru> or <Kaoru Pharmacy>

I don't have to worry about the drugs because I can easily create it, and the cost is zero.

No matter how long the shop operates, the cost is still <eternal zero>

I can't lose to a rival shop.

Since we might be suspected that there is no purchase for materials,

I decide to give Emil and Bell the role “material collecting personnel”

In addition to that, I will also request ordinary hunting, food collection, ordinary requests to them through from the guild.

As the requestor, it's average (normal) that I get a close, friendly relations with them. I will make sure declaring our relationship at the hunter guild to spread the news.

As friends, it won't strange to have them stay at our shop.

Roland and Francette?

I do not know.

No, I'm sorry to say so but.

For now, they are unknown people to us

And if something happens, they will be hired as escorts.

They are just some expert hunters that usually stay in an inn.

That is the most natural.

The incident in the local city of Doriszate Kingdom isn't spread at all.

It was an event that happened at most tens of seconds.

And at most there were only more than ten witnesses who saw clearly in the vicinity.

Besides, the people back there can't move to this country earlier than us.

From the Kingdom Balmoa, Doriszate is still quite a close country so they might know.

But this Jusral Kingdom, it's a distant country, the big news about <the manifestation of the goddess> 4 years ago was almost unheard.

And the info about the angel-like, which is a powerful card, wasn't spread to the citizen.

Only the upper part knows the fact and has many plans to get help...

So, the mistake this time, the rumor will most likely fade away soon because I already moved to the other country.

Even if the upper level heard of it, they would search for me in the Doriszate Kingdom or the eastern side which was our direction of travel back then.

...In other words, that was a diversion.

Conclusion...

In this country, I can say that we are safe.

And tomorrow, we will finally arrive at the capital of this country, Litenia.

Yes, if I want to have a shop that looks inconspicuous, I will need somewhere with a large population and many miscellaneous people

The Capital is the best.

If I want to hide a leaf, the best place is in the forest which can make others confused.

The city with most citizens of a country is, of course, the Capital!

[Well, we really arrive tomorrow as expected!] (Kaoru)

[...Is it really okay?] (Roland)

[I am worried...] (Francette)

Roland and Francette say so

Well, but this time it's okay!

[So persistent! It's okay

We will be able to sleep in a proper bed from tomorrow,
so this is the last time we camp, now, go sleep quickly] (Kaoru)

Roland and Francette were looking at me strangely.

Well, even I said camp, I put out the <baron's bed> and sleeping with Riette-chan.
No, it's really helpful, this bed has a relationship for 4 and a half years with me...

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[It's the Capital...] (Kaoru)

The next day, we arrived at the capital, we passed through the gate with the settings
that I decided.

This is a different setting, a new setting,

I didn't have two couples Roland and Francette, Emil and Bell.

Because I felt like to take a separate room with Riette-chan and heard about the
situation.

This setting was decided after entering the Capital.

Yeah, there's no need to carry unnecessary troubles.

After separating sufficiently from the passing gate, we separated into 3 groups.

After that, until "the decided event" happens, we will be just strangers.

Our accommodations should be different.

[I already told you about that... why must we have the same accommodation?] (Kaoru)

[No, it just happens that I choose the suitable inn that Kaoru happens to be there...]
(Roland)

[...I'm also the same] (Emil)

Roland and Emil said so.

Apparently, it really looks like so.

Well, it's no wonder that they have a similar choice if we break up in the same place, leave the place with a time lag, walk toward the center of the city on the same road and choose a suitable accommodation.

Everyone stayed in the inn that I had chosen...

Because more than half are young girls, I want to avoid inexpensive and dangerous accommodation.

I don't want places where the dishes taste bad.

It's a reasonable accommodation, a nice place to stay, the atmosphere is good, and when there's a accommodation like that, you will notice immediately... well, it's natural to choose the same place.

[“it's no use crying over spilled milk”, but until you (raise the flag) do the event “you know what”,

we will be just strangers, so don't make any contact more than the same inn's guests] (Kaoru)

In a place where there was no employee of the inn and other guests, we had a secret conversation.

And I went back into my room with Riette-chan quickly.

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4 days later.

I and Riette-chan were sitting at the store's counter.

Yeah, it's not a shop from somewhere.

It is our shop.

Drugstore <Atelier Riette>

<Atelier Kaoru> might be easily found by “him” or someone like that.

And I might draw other attention using the name of the angel,

and above all, Riette-chan told me <with Riette in the shop's name makes her become a family's member>

There are also several other reasons, though.

Ah, a pharmacy means a drugstore, so <Pharmacy> may be more appropriate, but I chose <Atelier>

It is a workshop of alchemy, and it sounds good.

Besides <Pharmacy>

I am concerned that will make the fans from another series ranting...

No, it's nothing.

Well, is the store preparing too quick?

How did I borrow?

No, it's a contemporary building, so there's no complicated procedure.

Residence card, seal stamp proof and guarantor aren't needed.

Just simply, deposit and prepayment of rent.

That's it.

If I pay enough the renting money, it doesn't matter if I go bankrupt and try to hang my neck, escape at night or not.

...No, I will not run away from bankrupt, or hang myself!

And as I went around the real estate agencies.

The first agency was stupid, they looked down on me because I was a child, as I was leaving, I showed the gold coins in my drawstring bag to them and made them broken.

The second agency properly served me as a customer, and we soon have an agreement.

It seems that this store was doing as a General Store before they went bankrupt.

It's a 2-stories building, the first floor part is a store, warehouse, kitchen, bathroom, toilet etc.

The bathroom doesn't have shower and bathtub.

There is only a "Tarai" (basin-like), the place to bring boiled water from the kitchen and wipe the body.

The toilet doesn't have a flush toilet.

Vase...

No, I do not want to say that!

Since there is an item box, there is no need for a warehouse,
But let's pretend that there's a little inventory for external use,
most of the remaining space will be used for something different, let's think about it
later.

Unlike a general merchandise store, only a few display shelves are enough,
so I have a little wide space to put one table and four chairs.
And in the display shelf, in addition to the medicine, I arranged glass containers and
figurines etc.
Of course, it was something made with my potion ability for sale.
It is purposely designed to drop quality.

The first floor serves as the shop with luggage and everything,
the second floor is a living space.

Now I'm alone with Riette-chan. Until Emily and Bell (raise the flag) do the decided
event, their prepared room is vacant.

[Okay, I'll do it!
In this store, I will earn money, increase my acquaintance, look for a marriage partner!
For my happiness and for my Nagase clan's growth in this world!!] (Kaoru)

[...well... I don't understand, but I am worried somehow...] (Riette)

And Riette-chan muttered so

[I have to put my mind into it...] (Riette?)

What's with that!!



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